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Complete Streets policy approved

John Carroll will not run again

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Selectmen approved the Complete Streets policy for the town, which allows the process to continue, which could provide \$400,000, in state grants for sidewalk and road improvements.

The policy will go on to the state for approval and there will be a public forum about it on Jan. 23 at Town Hall so residents can learn more about potential issues and their solutions, and offer their priorities to planners and town officials.

If the policy is approved, a prioritization plan is developed and approved, and the town puts in for a grant. Funding could come in May if it is approved, according to Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Senior Planner Becky Basch.

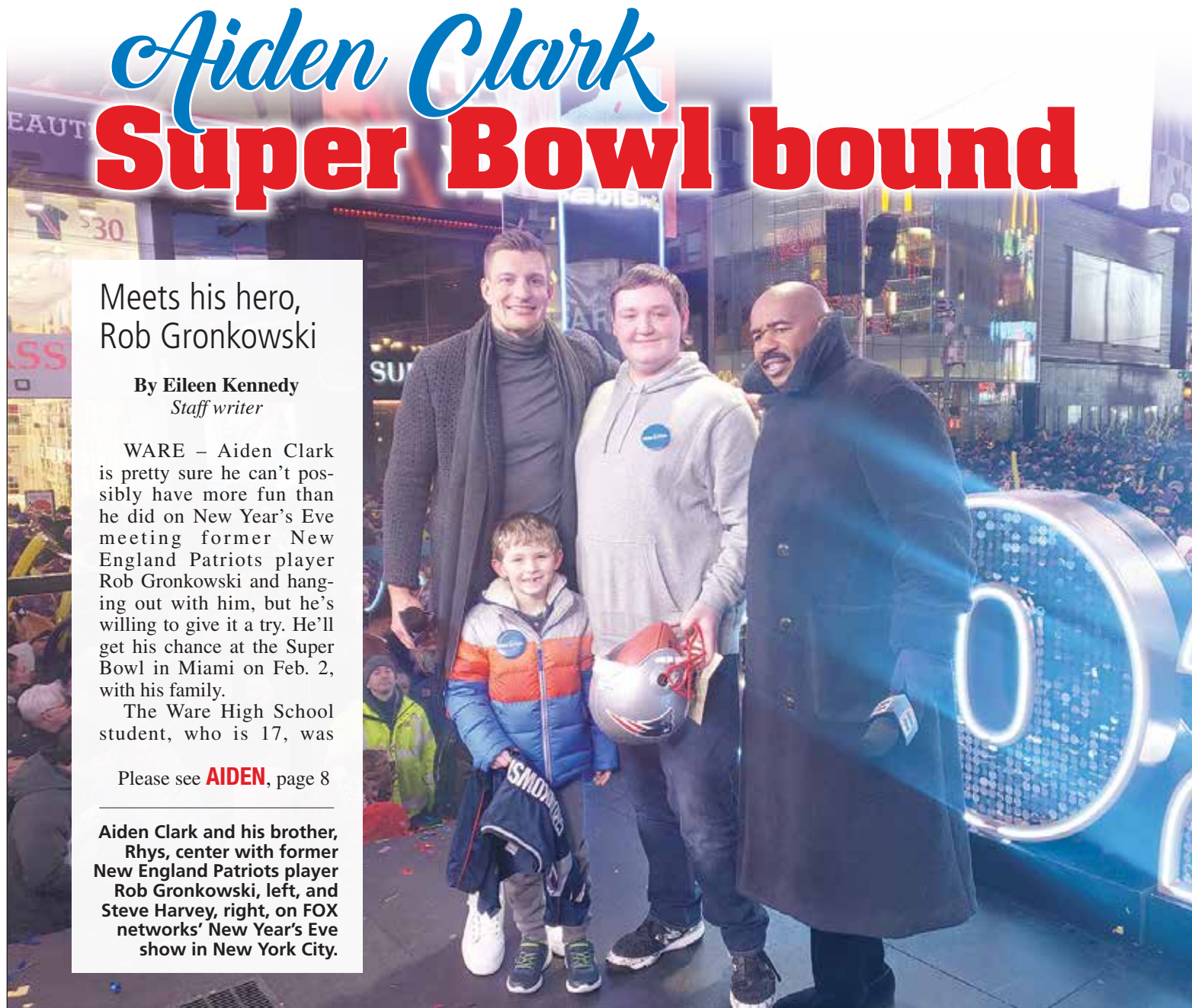
Main Street downtown and West Street seem to be the problem areas for pedestrian and vehicle accidents, as well as bicycle accidents, she said.

Some of the solutions could include the addition of bike lane striping, sidewalks and sidewalk improvements, improved or additional crosswalks and street narrowing to slow traffic down.

Basch said the Complete Streets program aims to improve safety and access for all travel modes in addition to vehicles, with the goals of improving health by improving the walkability and bicycle travel where residents travel the most.

Among the possibilities could be sidewalks along West Street to Robbins Road, and the exploration of sidewalks for Gould Road to make it safer for children walking to school. Basch said the town could apply for Safe Routes to

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Meets his hero,
Rob Gronkowski

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Aiden Clark is pretty sure he can't possibly have more fun than he did on New Year's Eve meeting former New England Patriots player Rob Gronkowski and hanging out with him, but he's willing to give it a try. He'll get his chance at the Super Bowl in Miami on Feb. 2, with his family.

The Ware High School student, who is 17, was

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Aiden Clark and his brother, Rhys, center with former New England Patriots player Rob Gronkowski, left, and Steve Harvey, right, on FOX networks' New Year's Eve show in New York City.

Eagle Scout project brings bocce ball to Ware Senior Center

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

WARE – The seniors at Ware Senior Center will be able to use a new bocce ball court on the property thanks to 16-year-old Ware resident Ryan Donnelly's Eagle Scout project and his team of 15 volunteers.

Bocce ball is a game where teams compete to get bocce balls as close as possible to a white ball, called the pallina.

Donnelly said he was inspired

to do the project to help the local seniors.

"I wanted them to have more activities to be able to do outside in the summer," Donnelly said.

The process took two full days of work, according to Donnelly.

The group built the roughly 40-foot by 20-foot box, including excavation work, and filled it with stone dust in November.

First the ground needed to be prepped and leveled, according to Donnelly.

"The goal is to make it con-

venient to access for people," Donnelly said. "There is a swinging door at the entrance, and we made the step lower to the ground, so it's easier to step over. The safety of the seniors is my number one concern."

He also worked to raise money to purchase a tarp to cover the court throughout the winter and to prevent any organic growth inside of the court.

Donnelly said the wintertime

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Turley Publications staff photo by Melina Bourdeau

Ware Police Officer John Cacela and retired Officer Randy Topor at Topor's home. The retired police officer was recently commended by the Ware selectmen for more than 30 years of service.

Police Officer Randy Topor retires after 35 years

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

WARE – Despite serving the Ware Police Department for 35 years, Officer Randy Topor doesn't have any of his awards hanging on the wall in his apartment, the most recent being a plaque from the Ware selectmen honoring him on his retirement – because, to him, that's not what police work is about.

Beginning as a patrolman, he also served as the court officer and the cruiser officer, and was promoted to sergeant, before he retired due to getting cancer.

Topor said he wanted to become

a police officer because of his uncle, Walter Topor.

"My uncle would visit me and let me sit in the cruiser and play with the lights – I looked up to him," Topor said. "He kept me in the right direction. I was held to a higher standard. I didn't want to embarrass him."

One of most memorable moments in his career was one that earned Topor an award for going above and beyond his service.

Topor was off-duty and inside of Jane Alden's when the store was robbed.

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'Fabulous Fifties' gala, to preserve the Stone Church

By Mary Warbasse
Special correspondent

GILBERTVILLE – On Saturday Jan. 25, the Friends of the Stone Church will hold a gala dinner and auction at Hartman's Herb Farm B&B, 1026 Old Dana Road, Barre, starting at 5:30 p.m.

FOSC President Judy Edington and the FOSC board warmly invite the public to enjoy a farm-prepared dinner and a festive evening with friends, including silent and live auctions and musical entertainment by disc jockey Rick Hendra.

Suggested attire is 1950s-theme dress, formal or casual. Proceeds will go toward repair of Gilbertville's Stone Church and to facilitate its use by the community. Tickets are \$55 and may be purchased or donations made through FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org or by mail to FOSC, PO Box

347, Gilbertville, MA 01031. Reservations required. Please purchase tickets by Jan. 20. Call 508-882-3980 to check availability after then.

"Fabulous Fifties is the fifth annual winter gala dinner to benefit the preservation of the Stone Church," said Edington, of Gilbertville. "We are returning to Hartman's for their warm hospitality, their attractive decor, and their truly delicious cuisine." As FOSC board members Clare Hendra, Judith Knight, and Paula Roberts developed the event for guests of all ages, this very popular music theme was the obvious choice. Auction prizes include a getaway vacation to a lovely family home in Chatham, Nantucket; a membership in the Ronald M. Baglio Sports and Fitness Center at Eagle Hill School;

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Turley Publications courtesy photo

On Saturday Jan. 25, the Friends of the Stone Church will hold a gala dinner and auction at Hartman's Herb Farm B&B, 1026 Old Dana Road, Barre, starting at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward restoring the Victorian Gothic structure in Gilbertville.

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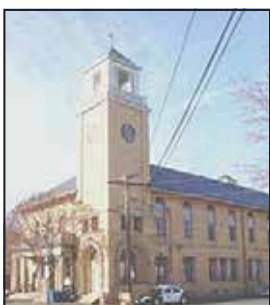
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BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 will hold a bottle and can drive on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at Edgar Machine, next to the car wash on West Street. Questions, please call 413-297-5886 or email scoutdad281@charter.net. Thank you for your support of the local Ware Boy Scouts.

POLISH PLATE DINNER The Friends of the Warren Town Hall are sponsoring their annual Polish Plate Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 11, with sittings from 5 to 6 p.m., at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St. Take-out orders are also available from 4 to 5 p.m. There will also be raffles during the dinner. The dinner consists of golombki, pierogi, kielbasa, kapusta and Polish rye bread. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance as they will not sold at the door. Call 413-436-5389 or tickets or reservations.

WILDLIFE PHOTO ArtWorks Gallery, at 69 Main St., will offer a Quabbin wildlife slideshow on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. Photographer Dale Monette will present a slideshow of remarkable photographs documenting the truly amazing array of creatures living in our own local unique landscape. Monette worked 30 years as an educator and a naturalist for the DCR at the Quabbin Reservoir. See what Monette and his camera saw, from eagles and loons to otters, bears and more, along with scenic views of the 18-mile-long Quabbin Reservoir. Monette will have two of his books available for his personal signature. Conversation and light refreshments to follow.

FREE THROW CHALLENGE The Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 will hold a basketball free throw challenge on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m., at the Ware Middle School gym for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Registration is at 1 p.m., with challenge at 1:15 p.m. Parent or guardian is required for participation and they need to bring birth certificates for each child who is participating. This is a free event.

TEA, CHOCOLATE AND CHEESE The Warren Public Library, at 934 Main St., will offer Tea, Chocolate and Cheese: A History and Tasting on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. It will be a fun, educational talk highlighting the history and health benefits of tea and dark chocolate. Brewing a proper cup of tea, as well as the tenets of the Tea Ceremony, will be discussed. Includes samplings of tea infusions, various chocolate creations and cheeses, as well as trivia and poetry to accompany them. This event is free. For more information contact the Warren Public Library at 413-436-7690.

SPAGHETTI DINNER The 12th Annual Hearts for Heat Spaghetti Dinner is being held on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria. The snow date is Feb. 29. As usual, the Hayden Masonic Lodge, North Brookfield PTO, Hannaford's Supermarket, North Brookfield High School Honor Society, and Valley View School students will be joining

Are You Old News?



Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.



In the are you old news photo from Dec. 26, 2019 edition, the children featured were second-graders Jason Orluk, Eric Swett, Bonnie Watson, Timothy Wloch and Shawn Tresher wait on the playground at the former Myron Richardson School in Gilbertville on the first day of the new term in January 1991. Can you identify the athletes in this photo that ran in the Jan. 10, 1991 edition of the Ware River News and who they were playing for? Send your answers to ekennedy@turley.com.

forces. The Otters be providing the musical ambiance. Tickets are \$8 or \$25 for a family of four or more and are sold only at the door. Takeout is available. There will also be a number of raffle items.

ONGOING activities

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP Were you in a relationship you felt was destructive?

Are you in one now? Not sure? Come talk with us about this and more in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere. Come to The Healing Alliance Support Group for women questioning the health of their relationships on Domestic Violence Support Group at the Ware Learning Center, 23 West Main St, in Ware, on Thursdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free child care is provided. For more information please contact Pat James at 413-726-8661.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can sign up for the checkers tournament, enjoy lots of games, coloring or Legos. This program is made possible by a cultural council grant.

WARE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, Circle 106 has temporarily changed its meeting place. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings will be at the home of Carol DeSantis, 307 Belchertown Road, Ware, the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Notify Charlene at 413-813-8557 whether you are able to attend.

TEA, TREATS AND TALK are what Tea Party Thursdays are all about at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. There are so many delightful people to meet. Come make new friends, meet old acquaintances and share conversation. Just come for tea (or coffee) or come propose a new activity. Meet at the Paige on Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information email director: paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a knitting and crochet club meeting every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come no matter their level of experience. Come and learn, lessons are given from 3 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

HOMEMADE MEAL DELIVERY All Saints Church is starting a hot homemade meal delivery for anyone in Ware called Take and Eat, which will be available on the first Saturday of each month. The church would like to know of anyone, yourselves included, who would benefit for getting a hot home-made meal once a month. There is no charge for the meal and there are no qualifications in getting the meal. Just asking for it is enough. Please call the rectory office at 413-967-4963 and give the name and address of the person or persons who would like to receive the meal. The program is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, "I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me."

WARE FUEL BANK The Ware Fuel Bank has once again received generous donations from local businesses and has funds to help Ware residents who are facing inter-

ruption of utility service during the heating season. The only requirement is being a Ware resident with proof of low-income status or a financial crisis. The United Church of Ware administers this program. Those who need help or those wanting more information should call the church at 413-967-9981.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT Ware Community Theatre is seeking new members. It is a nonprofit organization interested in enhancing Ware's culture by producing live performance plays, readings and solo persons of interest that may include musicals, dramas, local and national historical productions and timely events. They meet monthly on the third Monday at Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware at 7 p.m. Please call 413-544-8381 with any questions.

COMMUNITY DINNER STARTS The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road will hold free community dinners on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. All ages are welcome at the dinner.

NARCAN TRAINING The Ware Fire Department and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance are sponsoring free nasal Narcan (Naloxone) trainings on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Narcan or Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an overdose from prescription opioids or heroin. It can be purchased without a prescription at local pharmacies. If you or a loved one uses opioids, it is recommended to have Narcan and know how to use it. The free trainings will be held at the Ware Fire Department at 200 West Street. No appointments or pre-registrations are necessary, and those wishing to get the training can just walk in. For more information, contact Ed Wloch at ewloch@townofware.com or call 413-967-5901.

BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS Residents are invited to join the Ware Community Concert Band. Come and experience the satisfaction of rehearsing and performing in a large accomplished band. The Concert Band rehearses once each week in the Ware High School auditorium on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They perform two full-length concerts each season, one in December and one in June, and also perform at local ceremonies and events. Membership is open to all local and area musicians of all ability levels and all band instruments. The only requirement is a desire to grow musically. Exercise your talents and come join them in making the music. For more information contact John, the conductor, at jshobbs413@charter.net.

KNITTING CIRCLE The Warren Public Library at 934 Main St., in Warren is inviting knitters on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. to join all ages and abilities of knitters at a new, ongoing knitting circle. Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. Basic instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Beer ingredient

5. Popular FOX TV show

11. Recurring from time to time

14. Criticized severely

15. Musician

18. German urban center

19. Quenched

21. Human gene

23. Indian music

24. Accumulate

28. One who graduated

29. Atomic #109

30. Semitic fertility god

32. Sportscaster Patrick

33. Child's dining accessory

35. Payment (abbr.)

36. Guitarist's tool

39. Dabbling ducks

41. Commercial

42. Style someone's hair

44. Biu-Mandara language

46. Actress Spelling

47. Large hole in the ground

49. One-masted sailboats

52. Tropical Asian plant

56. Concurs

58. Latin term for charity

60. The number below the line in a fraction

62. Reddish browns

63. This (Spanish)

CLUES DOWN

1. Belong to he

2. One time only

3. Parent-teacher groups

4. Puts in place

5. Editing

6. In the course of

7. Helps injured people (abbr.)

8. OJ trial judge

9. Resist authority (slang)

10. Formerly alkenols

12. "Cheers" actress Perlman

13. Jewelled headdress

16. Viking Age poet

17. Vanuatu island

20. Wish harm upon

22. Unit of length

25. Blood type

26. Drain

27. Do-gooders

29. Advanced degree

31. Business designation

34. Chinese-American actress Ling

36. Performs on stage

37. Slang for money

38. Large Russian pie

40. The Mount Rushmore State

43. Narrow inlet

45. News organization (abbr.)

48. Scarlett's home

50. Micturates

51. Monetary unit

53. Any customary observance or practice

54. Sons of Poseidon

55. Facilitates grocery shopping

57. Standard operating procedure

58. Former OSS

59. Midway between south and southeast

61. The Wolverine State



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Comedy legends, The Second City, return to Hardwick

HARDWICK – Fresh, fast and always spectacularly funny, The Second City is celebrating 60 years of producing cutting-edge satirical revues, launching the careers of generation after generation of comedy’s best and brightest. This time at The Center, The Second City is Laughing for All the Wrong Reasons.

The Second City is here to break all the comedy rules they made famous in this all-new, all-hilarious revue that will leave audience members laughing and questioning their very existence on this lonely planet. Okay, maybe not questioning their existence – but they’re guaranteed to re-think everything they thought they knew about what’s funny.

This performance will mark The Second City’s fourth visit to The Center, a spectacular relationship that will continue on for the next two years. Audiences have loved their visits these past years, always leaving laughing

Sen. Gobi aide lists office hours

REGION – Lucas McDiarmid, aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), will hold office hours throughout the district during the month of January. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Attendants should RSVP to Lucas at Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov or by phone at 413-324-3082. Town attendance is not restricted to residents of those towns. He is additionally available by appointment.

Office hours include:

Monday Jan. 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. at Paxton Senior Center, from noon-1 p.m. at Spencer Howe Village and from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at East Brookfield Municipal Offices

Tuesday Jan. 14 from 10:30 a.m. at Sturbridge Senior Center and from noon-1 p.m. at Rutland Senior Center

Wednesday Jan. 15 from noon-1 p.m. at Palmer Senior Center

Monday Jan. 20 from 4-5 p.m. at Winchendon Town Hall

Tuesday Jan. 21 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Ware Senior Center and from 11:30 a.m.to 12:30 p.m. at Hardwick Town Offices

Wednesday Jan. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon at Templeton Town Hall, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Petersham Town Offices and 3-4 p.m. at Phillipston Town Hall

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-UNIT 123 WARE meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Maple Street. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Michele at (413) 544-1996.

BASEBALL BOOK AVAILABLE The Ware Historical Society has added to its collection of the three Ware histories and other books of interest, “Ware Boys of Summer” by Ware native Stephen R. Katz. The stories of seven major league players from out small town is full of history of the game. Call Polli at 413-967-6882 to purchase a copy. The cost is \$15.95.

STORY TIME The Young Men’s Library Association has story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. located at 37 Main Street in Ware. After the story, there is always a craft. Come meet new friends! All ages welcome. No registration required. The library is wheelchair accessible. Contact Cathy Rezendes at 413-967-9691 for more information.

BOOK CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a meeting of its book club on the last Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ADULT COLORING CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds an adult coloring club meeting on the first, third, fourth and fifth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are held on Thursday nights at Trinity Episcopal Church on Park Street from 8 to 9 p.m., and Sunday nights at Mary Lane Hospital on South Street from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

STORY TIME Warren Public Library holds story time every Tuesday at 11 a.m. All children are invited to come and listen to stories and do a fun craft. The program is geared to 3 to 5-year-olds, but younger and older children are also welcome. For more information call 413- 436-7690. The library is located at 934 Main St.

MISS DONNA STORY TIME The West Warren Library Association presents a new season of Story Time with Miss Donna every second and fourth Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the West Warren Public Library, 2370 Main St. There will be fun, reading and crafts for tots 3 to 5-years-old. Please call 413-436-9892 with any questions.

The Literacy Project students share original works

WARE – Friends, family and community members gathered recently at E2E to hear stories of hope, courage and inspiration. The writers were students from The Literacy Project in Ware who are studying to improve their reading, writing and math, complete their high school education, and prepare for college and careers. Students shared their original stories and essays thanks to grants from the Ware Cultural Council and the Mass Cultural Council.

The Dec. 12 reading was the culmination of a series of writing workshops which used prompts daily life and life experiences to encourage students to write. The student’s stories were courageous, inspiring and uplifting. One student wrote about the struggles of domestic violence and starting over. Another student wrote about the love and dedication it takes to help someone through the end of their life, another wrote about meeting the love of their life. The evening was rounded out with classical cello music performed by Stephan Katz.



Students from The Literacy Project in Ware got together to read original pieces they had written during a recent get together. The evening was rounded out with classical cello music performed by Stephan Katz at far right.

are improving their English language skills. All of the students have important stories to share about their lives and personal experiences.”

The Literacy Project is a local nonprofit agency, providing free basic literacy and high school equivalency classes to adults in the region. With classes in Amherst, Northampton, Ware, Orange and Greenfield, The Literacy Project serves over 300 students each year. Classes are run by staff instructors, assisted by community volunteers.

For more information about the program, visit www.literacyproject.org.

Eagle Scout candidate builds storage shed for Second Chance



North Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 257 member Lukas Anderson, of New Braintree, stands with Second Chance Development Director Lindsay Doray in front of the storage shed he helped build for his Eagle Scout project.

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A New Braintree teen is one step closer to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout after months of planning and building. North Brookfield Troop 257 Eagle Scout candidate Lukas Anderson heard that Second Chance Animal Services needed a storage shed to hold all the tools to care for the dog park at the organization’s Community Veterinary Hospital in North Brookfield. An animal lover, Anderson solicited a donation from the Brookfields Lions Club, which agreed to fund the entire project.

Anderson stopped by Second Chance to make sure it met the approval of Development Director Lindsay Doray. “We are so grateful for the new shed. Now we don’t have to spend time and gas bringing a lawn mower over from the shelter in East Brookfield, and it frees up space in the hospital making more room to care for animals.”

Anderson recounted all the weekends it took to complete the project – five in all. “The spring rains and sleet were one of the biggest challenges,” he said. He was grateful to his cousin, Andrew Paquette, an Eagle Scout from Troop 257, who earned his rank

in 2013. “Andrew was there every weekend, helping however he could,” Anderson said.

Anderson has a few finishing touches he wants to put on the shed including a ramp to make it easier to get the mower, and a plaque recognizing the Lions Club for making the shed possible.

Brookfields Lions Club Secretary Jim Buzzell said “the Lion’s Club, the Boy Scouts of America and Second Chance all share the common goal of community service. We are proud to support Anderson’s Eagle Scout project.”

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3, tax-exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 37,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance’s website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

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“The robber had a knife and I had my daughter with me,” Topor said. “I was in my civilian clothes and I got into a foot chase with the robber, who had pieces of plexiglass. When I finally tackled her, she cut me in the arm with the plexiglass.”

However outside of that event, Topor said it’s hard to pinpoint just one thing he liked about the job.

“It’s something different every day. I don’t want to get recognized, all I did, I did because I wanted to help people,” Topor said. “My family and my colleagues know what I did.”

Police work isn’t about “being a robot” according to Topor. It’s about “helping people and some-

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- Randy Topor

ple, the good parts of it.”

He added that he wanted to thank the three police chiefs he worked under – Chief Stanley Mettig, Dennis Healy and Shawn Crevier.

“Thank you to all of the support I’ve gotten, and how many people have been nice to me over the years,” Topor said.

Much like his uncle, Topor has left a lasting impression on the department, according to Officer John Cacula.

“He’s an inspiration to a new generation of police officers; he’s passed down knowledge to us,” Cacula said. “He’s imparted that our job isn’t just to arrest people, but you’re a member of a community, and you’re here to help people.”

Quabbin High School seeks nominations for Athletic Hall of Fame

BARRE – Nominations for the Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2020 are being accepted. Nomination forms are available on the Quabbin Regional Athletic website at www.qrsd.org. All forms are due March 1. People may mail forms to: Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame; P.O. Box 874; Barre, MA 01005 or e-mail to mmiville@qrsd.org.



Free throw challenge, Jan. 25

WARE – The Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 will hold a basketball free throw challenge on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m., at the Ware Middle School gym for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Registration is at 1 p.m., with challenge at 1:15 p.m. Parent or guardian is required for participation and they need to bring birth certificates for each child who is participating. This is a free event.

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GUEST COLUMN

Leaving it all on the mountain

By Julie Midura
Guest columnist

I believe, and studies have shown, nature has the power to heal. Whether I am meandering along a path through a forest or scrambling up a steep ledge to the summit of a mountain, I feel an incredible sense of peace and contentment. John Muir was a famous naturalist, environmentalist, author and early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States. One of my favorite quotes of his is; “Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like Autumn leaves.”

Each one of us faces struggles and trials as we journey through life, whether they be physical, psychological or emotional. Immersing ourselves in nature can free us from whatever demons we are battling. For me, a recent facial skin cancer diagnosis that would require a complicated reconstruction, the extent of which wouldn’t be known until the day of the surgery, is what drew me to the mountains for my latest hike.

I wanted to take back what the cancer had taken from me... control, confidence and security. I wanted to go on a hike that would force me to face my fears, not just the physical ones, but the emotional ones as well. While I have climbed over two dozen 4,000-plus foot mountains in winter, I have never done it alone. In my mind, the physical mountain I would climb would become a metaphor for the surgery I was facing. If I could conquer the first, I could overcome the second.

So four days before my surgery, I set my alarm for 3 a.m. and drove three hours to Mt. Moosilauke, New Hampshire. Temperatures were in the mid-20s when I stepped out of my car at the trailhead at 7:30 a.m. The wind chill on the summit was predicted to be 15 degrees below zero, but I was carrying enough layers for a day on Everest, so I wasn’t worried about the cold. As I took my first steps of what was to be a 10-mile hike, I was excited to be the first hiker of the day to leave my bootprints on the fresh fallen snow from the night before. My prints were the only ones I saw for the first two miles, until I encountered fresh bear prints meandering back and forth along the trail. My initial excitement about being the first hiker on the mountain was tempered by the thought that there was a bear nearby... and I was alone. “Great!” I said out loud, “Just me and a bear on a mountain!”

The snow was only a few inches deep at the trailhead, but I was soon plodding through drifts as high as two feet as I continued to climb. The forest was a vision in white, and I stopped repeatedly, not only to rest, but to take in the Narnia-like beauty that I was surrounded by. The silence was broken only by the sound of my boots crunching in the snow with each step I took on the carpet of white beneath my feet.

As the trees grew shorter, the wind grew stronger, so I stopped to pull my face mask up over my nose and mouth. It was here, just seven tenths of a mile from the summit, that I encountered the first person I saw all



Turley Publications courtesy photos
The first print besides her own boots was that of a bear that passed through the path she was hiking on Mt. Moosilauke in New Hampshire.

For the best selection order nursery stock soon

It’s been fun to have a break from the garden this last month or so! I love to let my other, less addictive hobbies float to the surface during the offseason. It doesn’t take more than a few weeks of crafting, reading, or just doing nothing, however, and my thoughts turn back to what I love the most: growing things! This year, I dream of expanding my collection of fruits and berries. If you desire to shop by mail, place your orders early (yes, now) for home delivery in April.

I have had good luck growing strawberries, and although they took awhile to establish, red raspberries are now as equally satisfying. We are still treating ourselves to a “taste of summer” in our morning cereal bowls, thanks to our freezer. One berry missing from my cereal, and my home landscape, is the blueberry. Shame on me, having spent many dog days picking them in my own backyard as a kid, you’d think they would have been the first fruit on the property. Well they were, and I failed miserably. The soil in which they were planted was likely too shady and not nearly as acidic as it should have been. This spring I vow to prepare a new and better site for my blueberry bushes, one that will guarantee their success. But all that labor comes later, now is time to pick and choose.

I will start my dreaming with the Nourse Farms catalog (www.noursefarms.com or 413-665-2658). Located not far away in South

Deerfield, this company specializes in producing high quality berry plants. It would be great to extend the blueberry picking season over a month or so, just like my parents did with their patch. With that in mind, I will look into early, mid and late season varieties. Patriot, released by the University of Maine, is my choice for an early ripening blueberry. Its hardiness, adaptability and large size won me over. For a midseason variety I think I’ll try Bluegold, a newer variety that also has large berries, excellent flavor, and a concentrated ripening period. Harvest it in just one or two pickings, a great option for anyone committed to freezing large quantities. One of the oldest blueberry varieties will round out my selection. Jersey is a late-season berry that yields large quantities of very sweet fruit; looks great in the yard too, with blazing fall foliage. Expect to pay just under \$9 per 2-year-old, 18-30-inch bare root plant.

With my order placed, and reminiscences of blueberry pie-baking on hold, I can concentrate on another fruit that has been lacking in my landscape, the cranberry. I’m sure you are thinking that I have an awful lot of time on my hands if I plan to turn a portion of the yard into a bog. Not necessary! The American Cranberry grows just fine in upland locations although when commercially-grown, plants are often flooded for frost protection and ease of picking.



ON THE GARDEN
Roberta McQuaid

I will prepare the soil as for blueberries, with a pH below 5.5, and plenty of organic matter added in. A top dressing of sand applied around the plants every second year will help keep weeds down as well as encourage more berry production. For well-rooted, hardy Maine grown plants, shop the Fedco Trees Catalog (www.fedcoseeds.com).

A bushy clump of ‘Stevens’ American Cranberry is a small investment at \$20 plus shipping and handling. Besides cranberry plants, Fedco Trees offers a great selection of heirloom apple trees, scionwood and rootstocks for home grafting, pears, plums and grapes among other types of nursery stock and ornamentals.

Chances are that my pre-season mail order shopping won’t stop with the blueberry and cranberry bushes. I have always loved kiwi, and a hardy variety thrives in our climate. Think of the fruit salads we could make...ah, summertime, summertime.

Plan ahead, and get your gardening dreams on paper with these or other nurseries before the best selection is gone.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

GUEST COLUMN

How presidents get their facts

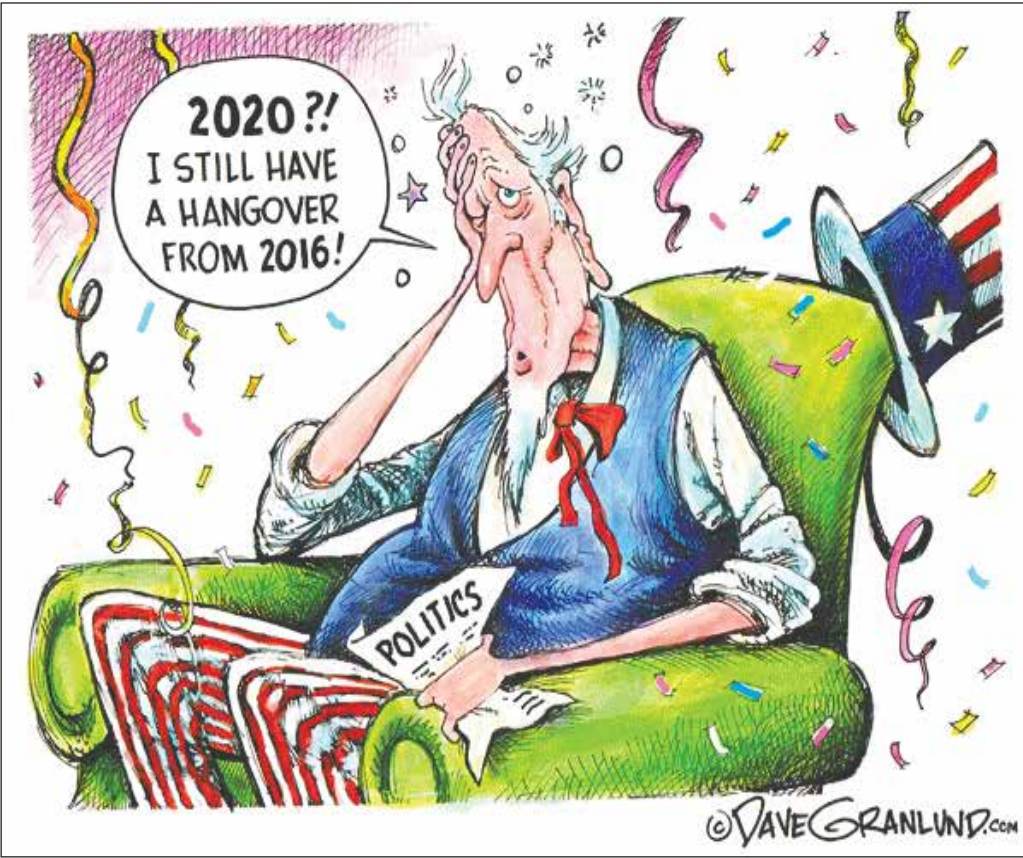
By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

Here’s a basic truth about people who make decisions on public policy: they rarely have all the facts they want. Over the years, I’ve sat in countless meetings in which, after we’d reached a sticking point, someone said in exasperation, “Well, what are the facts?” We’d all look around the room because, no matter how much information was already on the table, a key fact that would help us move forward was missing. Yet policy has to get made anyway.

No one is confronted more often with this conundrum than the President of the United States, though members of Congress can come close. The challenge is that purported facts are dynamic — they keep changing. Additional facts come to light. Others are found to be wrong. Some are clearly reliable, others dubious. Some plain facts are highly controversial, while other “settled” facts are overturned by time. And regardless, they come at high-level policy makers quickly, relentlessly, from all directions, and from all kinds of sources.

So how do presidents and others sort through all this? They get a lot of information, of course, by consulting with experts. Every president forms a cadre of men and women he relies on — sometimes limited in number, sometimes quite extensive. In the chances I’ve had to observe these people at work, I’ve been impressed by how thoughtful, well-articulated and solid the advice presidents receive usually is. Then, of course, there are the more formal sources of information, such as the Joint Chiefs, members of the Cabinet, and the President’s Daily Brief, which reviews the information, data and intelligence rounded up by the CIA from all of the American security and surveillance agencies.

Presidents have a lot of memos prepared for them, though not all read them. To be sure, they need the information to be condensed. They don’t have the time, patience, or inclination to delve deeply into a topic. Most policy makers are good listeners, able to absorb information quickly. We’ve had some remarkable intellects among our presidents, people like Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, and



Barack Obama, who were able to take in vast amounts of information and advice, understand it quickly, and sort through it effectively.

Presidents and other policy makers pay attention to the news, of course. Many of them have several television sets in their offices, so that they can keep track both of the news of the day and how it’s covered. They follow the media pundits, how articulate the facts and present them from their own slant, because many of these men and women have vast audiences and it’s important to know what they’re telling their followers. Social media and online commentary are at a more bewildering and less developed stage, but there’s no question they can affect the thinking of millions of Americans. Not surprisingly, presidents differ on how systematically and thoroughly they do this fact-gathering, but generally they seek out sources of information with different perspectives and biases.

Presidents and members of Congress also rely on academics and think tanks: places like the Brookings Institution, the Rand Corporation, the American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation — though which they listen to depends on their ideology. All, however, are in the game and strive hard to be presidential advisers. Most presidents, at least since the economist Walter Heller became a

confidant of John F. Kennedy, have paid especially close attention to economists they trust.

Faith leaders are also an important source of information and advice. Like well-known pundits, many of them have significant influence among Americans on questions of values, and presidents will often call several together, often privately, to gather their insights.

This whole process, of course, has immense value — you don’t want a president to make decisions based on false information. It goes on constantly behind the scenes, often for weeks before we ordinary citizens hear the first presidential peep on a given subject. But I’d argue it’s also getting more difficult as sources of reliable and unreliable information multiply. That’s why, in the end, it is so vital for a president to be able to rely on advisers and professionals who can help the president sort out what’s true and what’s not.

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Got 20/20 vision?

By Joan E. B. Coombs
Guest columnist

By all appearances, 20/20 vision is being able to have the clarity or sharpness of vision that can see an object at a distance of 20 feet. Visual acuity is our perception, or how we see things.

Another type of vision as defined by Merriam-Webster is “the ability to see: sight or eyesight; something that you imagine; a picture that you see in your mind; something that you see or dream...”

For the New Year of 2020, could we consider vision statements, written by well-known and respected leaders, as they formed thoughts that can express the hopes and ambitions for all of us?

“If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants.” Sir Isaac Newton

“When one door closes, another opens, but we so often look at the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us.” Alexander Graham Bell.

“Vision without execution is hallucination.” Thomas Edison

“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision,” said Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf, yet had the vision to learn how to communicate with others.

“People only see what they are prepared to see.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

“If anyone advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success unexpected in common hours.” Henry David Thoreau.

“You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.” Mark Twain.

“Where there is no vision, there is no hope.” George Washington Carver

“You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and impoverish yourself, if you forget the errand.” Woodrow Wilson.

“Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens.” Carl Jung

“When you have vision it affects your attitude. Your attitude is optimistic rather than pessimistic.” Chuck Swindoll

“Failed plans should not be interpreted as a failed vision. Visions don’t change, they are only refined. Plans rarely stay the same, and are scrapped or adjusted as needed. Be stubborn about the vision, but flexible with your plan.” John C. Maxwell

And, one of the most world famous, yet humble leaders and a recipient of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work with the poor is Mother Teresa. One of her famous quotes shows her insight by observing situations. Her vision was as brilliant as her quick wit: “Don’t travel faster than your Guardian Angel can fly.” And, that’s advice we all can use.

GUEST COLUMNIST



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Quabbin Middle School lists honor roll

BARRE — Quabbin Regional Middle School (QRMS) lists the honor roll for trimester 1 ending Nov. 26, 2019.

Making high honors in grade 7 include: Haley Ayer, Aiden Butler, Lily Chen, Isabel Coviello, Matthew Erickson, Sydney Gagne, Samuel Guertin, Chloe Hill, Alexandra Pease, Nathen Pride, Eleanor Reynolds, Ethan Salvatore, Kaylee Shaw, Sydney Slattery, Isabella Smith, Irene Stoltgis, Richard Tucker and Jaxon Warburtongh.

Making honors in grade 7 include: Madylan Alves, Eamon Arnold, Devon Barker, Levi Barker, Alexander Bedard, Tyler Bodily, Kaeliana Boucher, Alisyn Bruso, Trentin Buzzell, Samantha Carlson, Jocelyne Chaves, Kyle Clark, Dennis Collette, Ava Conlee, Abigail Crawford, Xavier Cruz, Sophia Diaz, Maxwell Doane, Teaghan Earle, Adam Faulha, Riley Fayard, Angelina Feliciano, Hannah Fleming, Hannah Fowler, Conor Fuller, Sophia Gagne, Ruby Gatulis,

James Geary, Jarilyn George, Kylie George, Alyssa Goulet, Rachel Harrington, Rylee-Anne Harty, Aaisha Ishola, Aliya Ishola, Anya Kittredge, Isabel LaBelle, Reagan Laprade, Lianna Leger, Pearle Litchfield, Kun Liu, Mason Lucia, Vincent Marinelli, Veronika Mendrek, Benjamin Metcalf, Gracie Moisan, Connor Moody, Elisha Nicholson-Mallet, Bella O'Regan, Rhyan Orr, Javier Patterson, Avery Prenosil, Luke Salvatore, Sadie Sheldon, Cheyenne Smith, Julia Smith, Morgan Soltysik, Aishlinn Stanley, Madeline Subik, Vanecia Tarquinio, Dylan Thorpe, Abigail Ure, Travis Wells, Cullan White, Anthony Wilson and Ryan Wing.

Making high honors in grade 8 include: Alena Arnold, Riley Bassett, Vivienne Benoit-Smith, Kylie Casey, Chloe Dennis, Jack Foley, Edward Guertin, Colin Harmon, Sophia Januszewski, Ally Legare, Annabelle Magill, Natalia Marchand, Kelsey Marsh, Emma Masser, Camryn Orsini, Max Scott, Peter Stanley, Belle

Stebbins, Heather Stuart, Michael Tobin, Seth Twarog and Gordon Williams.

Making honors in grade 8 include: Annabel Audino, Hannah Baxter, Landon Bissonnette, Brianna Caponigro, Evan Chen, Patrick Chute-Metivier, Rachel Conlon, Meaghan Doyle, Samantha Dube, Callahan Durant, Madeline Faucher, Duncan Fauteux, Natalie Fisher, Cody Flynn, Kacie Gallagher, Austin Girouard, Blake Hill, Emmah Hinckley, Nikoli Howard, Abigail Hughes, James Iandoli, Jacob Labarre, Aryanna Laflash, Jackson Langlois, Jake Leazott, Paige Lindley, Gavin Majoy, Gavin Mullins, Jenna Nadeau, Kayleigh Patch, John Prentiss, Carlee Rich, Alexander Rosa, Von Salvatore, Savannah Sbrega, Kayla Sherblom, Julianna Stanger, Amy Stauder, Tippie Sullivan, Eleanor Thompson, Bianca Tremblay, Benjamin Vasseur, Brianna Whitelaw, Hunter Wojcika and Noah Wojcik.



From left to right NBSB Senior Vice President of Retail Banking Patty Ostrout, Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter Board Members Sue Lewandowski, Crystal Caron, Ellen Smith with NBSB Assistant Vice President/Marketing Manager and Hearts for Heat board member Caitlin O'Connor. Not shown are Hearts for Heat Board Members Tom Lewandowski, Michele Petraitis and Tina Buzzell.

NBSB helps Hearts for Heat with donation

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is no stranger to helping their neighbors in need when it matters most. With the New Year underway, and winter weather in full swing, the bank is continuing their support of a vital, longtime community partner, the North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat.

Not only has North Brookfield Savings Bank recently made their annual \$2,000 matching donation to help North Brookfield residents stay warm during cold winter months, but the Bank's North Brookfield Branch will kick off 2020 by hosting a community fundraiser "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" to benefit the organization.

Want to donate? Anyone is welcome to visit the North Brookfield Branch location at 9 Gilbert St. in North Brookfield to make their donation into the collection jars at the branch designated for the "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" campaign.

All donations will directly support the North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat, a community-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to confidentially providing payments for fuel, includ-

ing oil, gas, and wood, to North Brookfield residents on a fixed income, including the elderly, those who are disabled or sick, and unemployed or underemployed individuals and families.

"North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to continue our partnership with the Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter and to help our local neighbors to stay warm," said Caitlin O'Connor, NBSB assistant vice president, marketing manager as well as a NB Hearts for Heat Board Member. "It is an unfortunate truth that many people struggle to afford their fuel payments, often having to make the difficult choice between heating their homes, feeding their family, or other important needs. Every donation received, no matter what amount, will help local residents of North Brookfield."

North Brookfield Savings Bank is committed to supporting their local communities and knows that just one small act of kindness can extend beyond the initial act. The "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" campaign aligns with the bank's established core values of "support our communities" and "share kindness" and will help bring

comfort and peace to local residents.

"With North Brookfield Savings Bank's sustained generosity combined with the kindness and support of our amazing community members, the Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter is able to help our local friends and neighbors who are in need of fuel assistance during the colder months," said Sue Lewandowski, Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter founder and president. "On behalf of the Hearts for Heat Board members, and the North Brookfield residents who are assisted, I wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support."

In addition to the North Brookfield Savings Bank's "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" campaign, The North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat will be hosting their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria, featuring live music, raffles and delicious food, all for a good cause. To learn more about this event visit the Hearts for Heat Facebook page. For more information about Hearts for Heat, visit www.HeartsForHeat.org.

ADDRESS from page 1

Andrew Choquette, administrative assistant to the Building Department and Conservation Commission, said it was his recollection that the neighbor could not access online services due to having a ½ as part of her address, including state services such as renewing her driver's license with the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

George Staiti said the former owner of 14 Dugan Road built a home on the vacant lot next to that home, which eventually became the 12 ½ Dugan Road address, as 12 Dugan Road already existed.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said he and Marques would speak to the neighbor and her 10 Dugan Road or to keep the address at 12 ½ Dugan, despite the number being out of sequence.

Desmond also suggested if the change was made it be done if he moves or dies rather than saddling him with at least a year of hard-

"I've lived at 12 Dugan Road for almost 50 years with no problems."

- John Desmond

ship in changing his address with each entity.

"It would be a nightmare," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney agreed that Desmond shouldn't be saddled with a problem when he had done nothing to bring it on, while he sympathized that the neighbor could not access online services.

Concerns were brought forth about the public safety aspect of trying to find 10 Dugan Road when it was out of sequence but

Acting Fire Chief Chris Gagnon said he was sure EMTs and fire-fighters would be able to find the address.

Staiti questioned the board's ability to overrule the Building Inspector, but Selectman Tracy Opalinski said the board could direct Beckley to work the issue out in an alternative manner.

Choquette questioned the move to offer the neighbor the address of 10 Dugan Road. "So the compromise is to do it improperly so we continue to have problems like this?"

Whitney said yes, unless the town or the neighbor was willing to reimburse Desmond for the lawyer's work to change and file a changed deed and any other costs such as changed auto registrations with a new address.

"This would turn my life upside down," Desmond said.



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The Friends of Warren Town Hall along side a recent plaque showing the former Town Hall was built in 1878 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. A Polish dinner will be held this Saturday to raise money for restoration work.

Friends of Town Hall hold Polish dinner

Restoration funds are needed for work

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARREN — Homemade pie sales, rubber duck races on the Quaboag River and Polish suppers have been the backbone of the Friends of the Warren Town Hall in its effort to restore the historic building, which is home only to the Police Department these days.

This Saturday will be one of its famous Polish dinners, with sittings from 5 to 6 p.m., at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St. Take-

out orders are also available from 4 to 5 p.m. There will also be raffles during the dinner.

John Dyjak is one of the Warren residents determined to see the building brought back to its former glory, even if it isn't used for town offices but for a community center or something else.

It will take \$24,000 for the next step in the renovations, cleaning and fixing the bell tower. The building was constructed in 1878, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Eleven thousand has already been raised through donations, fund raising and grants from other organizations, but more is needed, he said. It will likely take \$25,000

for a crane to reach the bell tower to do the work, he said.

So the Friends are hoping the public will accept their invitation to dine with them Polish-style and by doing so help with the renovations.

The dinner consists of golombki, pierogi, kielbasa, kapusta and Polish rye bread. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance as they will not be sold at the door. Call 413-436-5389 or tickets or reservations.

Those who can't make the dinner but would like to donate can do so by making out a check to the Friends of the Warren Town Hall, and mailing to them at P.O. Box 762, Warren, MA. 01083

Warren Senior Center news

WARREN — The Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., in West Warren announces its upcoming events.

Ongoing events

Pitch will be played on Mondays, Jan. 6, 13 and 27, at 5:45 p.m. Cribbage will be played on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Bingo will be played on Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m. Line dancing will be held on Wednesdays, at 5 p.m. Tai Chi will be held on Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will be played on Fridays, at 1 p.m.

Polish dinner

Polish dinner will be served at the senior center on Saturday, Jan. 11, with serving at 5 p.m. Take-out

will be available at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 which includes kapusta, golabki, kielbasa, pierogi, Polish rye bread and dessert. Tickets are available from any Friends of the Town Hall member or by calling Kathy at 413-436-5389.

Warren Seniors Silver Screen

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 12:30 p.m. the Warren Seniors Silver Screen will be showing "Psycho." Light refreshments will be served.

COA meeting

The Council on Aging will have its meeting on Friday, Jan. 17.

Library trivia night

The library will be sponsoring Library Trivia on Saturday, Jan. 18,

from 6 to 8 p.m.

Senior center closed

The senior center will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

January birthday party lunch

The January birthday party lunch will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23. Sign-up is required by Friday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. The meal of stuffed chicken breast will be served at 11:45 a.m. Entertainment is by Chet Kurr. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Big Y donates over \$215,000 to breast cancer groups

SPRINGFIELD — In order to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer, all Big Y Supermarkets donated proceeds from their October initiative "Partners of Hope" to 29 local breast cancer support groups throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. This month-long program reflects the partnership, commitment and support of breast cancer awareness and research that are so vital for many. The results have finally been tabulated and in October, Big Y raised \$215,742.00 which was donated to organizations.

Sixteen organizations received donations including The Pink Way in Ludlow, Protect Our Breasts in Amherst, and Baystate Health Foundation and Mercy Medical Center in Springfield.

Thirteen organizations in Connecticut received donations including Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs.

During the entire month of October, Big Y donated a portion of the proceeds from both the floral and produce departments, and five cents for each Big Y, Top Care, Full Circle, Simply Done, Paws Happy Life, Pure Harmony, @Ease, Tippy Toes and Culinary Tours brand products purchased

between Oct.o 4 and 10 (*excluding random weight items). The Big Y Butcher Shops also donated 10 cents from every pound of All-Natural Angus Beef and Big Y Smart Chicken sold during the entire month of October. Big Y Pharmacy & Wellness Center donated \$5 for every flu shot given. Every store promoted Partners of Hope pink ribbons for \$1 for the month of October as a way of generating additional proceeds for local breast cancer organizations throughout the two states.

Big Y's dietitian team, Carrie Taylor and Andrea Luttrell, devoted a portion of their fall newsletter to cancer prevention.

According to Big Y CEO Charles D'Amour, "Breast cancer affects thousands of women and more men each year. Through our Partners of Hope campaign, we want to not only promote breast cancer awareness but also save lives through early detection and care." Since 2007, Big Y has raised well over \$2 million dollars to support local breast cancer initiatives.

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STCC puts students on pathway to construction careers

By Jim Danko
Special Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD – Janet Callahan, the president of Palmer Paving Inc., likes to hire Springfield Technical Community College graduates.

“We’ve hired STCC graduates because they come out with a proficiency of knowledge,” Callahan said. “They’re prepared to go into the workplace with a basic understanding of our business.”

An STCC graduate with a two-year associate degree in civil engineering technology will make an ideal candidate for a job at Palmer Paving, Callahan explained. Her company, established in 1955, specializes in interstate highway construction and commercial paving. Palmer Paving also produces hot mix and warm/cold asphalt and other construction materials.

“It’s not necessary to have a four-year degree,” she said. “We want to hire people with two-year degrees from STCC.”

One of the STCC graduates employed at Palmer Paving, Mary Lessard, has been with the company since 2005, a year after she earned her CET degree from STCC. A contract administrator, Lessard says her degree at STCC led to a fulfilling career in construction.

“Since I started working here 14 years ago, I got married and started a family,” Lessard said. “It’s been great. STCC gave me that major stepping stone. It helped me go from being a high school student to joining the workforce and being prepared for challenges.”

Lessard enjoyed the STCC experience. She wanted to go to a local, affordable college, where she could be close to her parents. At



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Janet Callahan, center, president of Palmer Paving Inc., with STCC graduates Jim Madden, left, and Mary Lessard.

STCC, she enjoyed the small classrooms and the one-on-one interactions with professors.

“I didn’t want to be a number at a university. My professors knew me and that made a difference,” Lessard said.

Before starting college, Lessard contemplated a career in accounting, but decided engineering would be a better fit. “With accounting, you get the same numbers every day. I can’t do that. I need different problems to solve.”

She was drawn to the CET program, which opened her eyes to the diversity of engineering. The CET program teaches skills in computer-aided design, construction estimating and introduces students to

construction materials and methods. They learn about surveying, concrete testing, asphalt production, roadway and roadway construction, among other skills.

With a two-year associate degree, a civil engineering technology graduate is poised to work in a growing field where the median pay in 2018 was \$52,580 per year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The BLS projects that jobs for CET graduates will continue to grow over the next 10 years. “The need to repair, upgrade, and enhance an aging infrastructure will sustain demand for these workers,” according to the BLS.

“CET is a hallmark program

at STCC. Founded in 1968, it is one of the original engineering technology programs,” said STCC Professor Beth McGinnis-Cavanaugh, who chairs the CET program. “I think that speaks to the consistency of the demand for civil engineering technicians. The need to upgrade existing infrastructure and build new infrastructure is constant. Jobs are in high demand.”

Callahan said the program does a great job at preparing students, citing Lessard as an example of how a STCC graduate can thrive in the construction industry.

“Mary’s baseline of knowledge allowed her to grow into her position. We would love to have more like her,” Callahan said.

Another civil engineering technology graduate, Jim Madden, has worked at Palmer Paving for 16 years. A 1987 graduate, Madden currently is chief estimator at Palmer Paving. “I’ve always been interested in building things, so civil engineering was something I wanted to do in my junior year in high school,” Madden said.

His STCC degree helped him land construction management jobs at companies in Western Massachusetts before he joined Palmer Paving.

“It’s a great education that prepares you for a lot of in-demand jobs in Western Massachusetts,” Madden said. “STCC prepares you to get right in there. You learn what’s required to do this kind of work.”

One of STCC’s industry partners, Callahan said she will continue to work with the college to help make sure the curriculum reflects the needs of the construction industry.

Callahan has been working with the college to develop an “Asphalt

Academy” to train asphalt technicians and inspectors. The civil engineering technology program is looking at ways to incorporate the specialized asphalt training into the curriculum to better prepare students.

“We need trained asphalt technicians and inspectors right now,” Callahan said. “STCC can help our industry meet the demand in the market. There’s a need not only for construction companies like ourselves, but consulting firms and other types of engineering firms. Right now, it’s difficult to fill these critical positions.”

“For us at Palmer Paving, Springfield Technical Community College is a really important academic institution,” she said. “We like to hire STCC graduates and help them grow. We hire local. If you want to stay here in Springfield, we can provide you a great earning potential and a great life here.”

Anyone interested in applying to STCC may visit stcc.edu/apply or call Admissions at 413-755-3333.

Founded in 1967 and located on 35 acres of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, STCC is a major resource for the economic vitality of Western Massachusetts. As the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC offers a variety of career programs unequalled in the state. STCC’s highly regarded transfer programs in business, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, liberal arts and STEM fields continue to provide the most affordable options for students pursuing a four-year degree. With an annual enrollment of about 7,000 day, evening, weekend, and online students, STCC is a vibrant campus rich in diversity.

Open house set for Asphalt Academy Pre-Apprenticeship Program at STCC

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College’s Workforce Development Center will hold an open house on Jan. 25, 10 a.m. to noon, for the new Asphalt Academy Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

The informational meeting in Building 27, Room 149, is a chance to learn about the new program and exciting career opportunities available in the paving industry.

The pre-apprenticeship program runs March 9 to May 1. Students who successfully complete the three-part pre-apprenticeship program will qualify for a 2,000-hour paid on-the-job training apprenticeship program with a member of the Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Pavement Association.

The 280-hour Asphalt Quality Control Analyst Pre-Apprenticeship Program features:

STCC Asphalt Academy classroom program (82 hours) utilizing the new state-of-art Asphalt Laboratory on the STCC campus. In addition, participants will receive career guidance, interview preparation and resume writing assistance that will lead to interviews with MAAPA member firms.

Four weeks of paid, on-the-job-training with a member of MAAPA. Participants will work with state-of-the-art equipment and some of the country’s best highway builders as you increase your knowledge of the industry.

The New England Transportation Technician Certification Program Hot Mix Asphalt Plant Technician Certification course (37.5 hours) and exam at the STCC Asphalt Academy and Asphalt Laboratory.

Anyone currently working in the asphalt industry, or interested in a career in the asphalt industry, can enhance their career opportunities with paid on-the-job training and a NETTCP certification through this new pre-apprenticeship program.

This training is possible through collaborative efforts with commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, MAAPA and the New England Transportation Technician Certification Program.

Seats are limited. Please call 413-755-4225 or email wdc@stcc.edu to reserve a spot. Those interested may also visit the STCC Workforce Development Center, Building 27, 1st Floor, Room 143.

Quabbin Alumni Band Concert set for Jan. 12

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., presents the eighth annual Quabbin alumni band concert directed by Peter Lewis, Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Corridon F. Trask Auditorium.

This performance will feature over 40 plus former Quabbin students and/or educators spanning the course of four decades. As the tradition of music at QRHS runs deep through the fabric of the community, many of the music graduates from QRHS are current music educators and professional performers in a multitude of genres across the country. Band members travel from all corners of the country, including Georgia, Ohio, Maine and Massachusetts to participate in the annual weekend event. This year’s concert will feature works by John Barnes Chance, Henry Fillmore, John Mackey and Dimitri Shostakovich.

The public is invited to share in this special event, with general admission tickets available at the door the day of the concert, \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens and free for children under age 5. Proceeds from the concert help fund the artist in residence program, an instructional music opportunity held throughout the Quabbin School District. For more information, people may contact music director Peter Lewis at 978-355-9879 or plewis@qrshd.org.

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original art and photography by renowned regional artists; gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants; and a good many ‘surprise’ items, including antiques, food and beverage baskets, and distinctive clothing items.

Hendra is a longtime enthusiast of music from the 1950s. He hosts a program on WCUW radio (wcuw.org) dedicated to telling the stories of music rooted in America, and revels in old tunes from the birth of recorded music to the early days of rock and roll. He grew up in Queens in the 1950s, the days of American disc jockey Alan Freed, who innovated a radio mixture of blues, country and R&B, and who coined the phrase “rock and roll.” Ever since, Hendra has devoted himself, heart and soul, to both original streams: rock and traditional pop. He’s irrepressibly fond of hood ornaments, Fats Domino, the Everly Brothers, Bo Diddley, the Maguire Sisters, Elvis (of course), and Link Wray. His weakness for doo wop goes back to the Mills Brothers and the Ink

Spots. Rick, attracted by the open country and the superb airwaves, has lived in Oakham since 1979. “You can pull in more and better non-commercial radio here than in any other part of the Northeast,” he grins.

FOSC is a secular charitable corporation founded in 2015 to preserve the Gilbertville Trinitarian Congregational Church (“the Stone Church”) and to invite its use by the community. The 1874 Victorian Gothic building is made of granite quarried in Monson and New Hampshire. Designed by architect Elbridge Boyden, it features fine stained glass windows and carved wooden interior furnishings in both the church and adjoining Gilbert Hall.

As its congregation waned, the Stone Church closed in 2011. FOSC re-opened the building in early 2016, making repairs with funds from generous donors and a matching grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The Stone Church is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is part of a district with over 120 historical-

ly significant 19th-century mill village buildings. The address is 283 Main Street (MA Rte. 32), Gilbertville.

Proceeds of the Fabulous Fifties will help FOSC match a recent \$30,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Within the church, the historic Johnson & Son pipe organ has sounded forth increasingly in concerts and in Boston organist Peter Krasinski’s silent film showings, with his improvised accompaniment. In 2019, donors made possible the purchase of a fine 1907 Chickering grand in original condition.

Volunteers have recently undertaken interior plaster repairs and upgrades to Gilbert Hall’s busy reception kitchen. There is much more to be done. In 2019, FOSC received matching grants from both the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for phase one masonry repairs to stabilize the 135-foot stone tower base. Joseph Gnazzo Company, of Union, Connecticut, installed metal rods and injected new mortar

to replace and stabilize deteriorated masonry; the nearly invisible new grout joints have substantially strengthened the structure. Following a competitive bid process, Gnazzo will again be awarded a contract to perform phase two repairs in the spring of 2020.

Having begun to produce concerts and other programs in 2016, FOSC continues to entertain the public and to make local history and cultural resources relevant and accessible to the community. The beautiful sound in adjoining Gilbert Hall complements the music-friendly acoustics of the Stone Church. The building is available for private events.

Donations to preserve the Stone Church building can be mailed to FOSC, PO Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031. For more information, visit FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org. To donate items to the Fabulous Fifties Auction, please contact Events@FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org no later than January 20.

Free Adult Karate Class

BARRE — A free introductory Karate class for adults will be held in the yoga studio at the Listening Wellness Center, on James Street on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 1-2 p.m. All adults are welcome, and no prior experience is necessary. Bring a friend along to practice with.

Instructor Brad Warren has over 50 years experience in teach-

ing karate to adults and children, and self-defense for women. For more information about our Martial Arts programs, or to register for this class, people may contact Brad at Gojuryukarate@aol.com, or call Brad Warren’s Karate at 978-355-6196. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required.

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School funding, which helps provide money for improvements.

She said the Centers for Disease Control are supportive of the Complete Streets program because it encourages walking and bicycling, and provides a way for residents to safely get more exercise. She said Ware has elevated obesity levels, particularly among children.

Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney said his priority would be sidewalks, not bike lanes, and pointed out the town has been discussing sidewalks for Gould Road for two years now.

Safety surveys

Selectmen decided to hold a public forum during their meeting on Feb. 4, after discussing safety surveys conducted by the Police Department of Pulaski and High streets, following complaints by residents of those streets about the safety of parking on them.

Police Chief Shawn Crevier told the selectmen he had consulted Officer Christopher Talbot, who is the department’s safety officer, and they are suggesting possibly changing Pulaski Street parking be moved to the other side of the street.

“It’s really more of an inconvenience when snow is piled up there,” Crevier said. But the parking could be moved.

He suggested that parking on High Street could be made to be on just one side of the street, which would help due to the narrowness of the street. It could be continued to Cottage, Prospect, School and Walnut streets, he said.

Pulaski Street resident Kim Mongeau insisted parking was an issue all year long, and parking on that street means vehicles are parked with the driver’s door against the curb, when most streets have parking with vehicles parked with the passenger door against the curb.

Selectman John Carroll suggested putting up signs on High Street designating one side of the street parking and try it out for six months before a permanent implementation.

Selectman Tracy Opalinski said a public forum should be held to get opinions of residents and business people before any changes were made and the forum will take place Feb. 4. Town Manager Stuart Beckley will also provide bylaws regarding parking to selectmen for that meeting, at Opalinski’s request.

School regionalization

The first phase of a report on school regionalization, which was approved at the Annual Town Meeting, will be discussed with School Committee members at a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Town Hall.

Other business

Perhaps the most surprising news of the evening was the announcement by Carroll that he will not be seeking re-election this year after serving the town for nine years as selectman.

The board accepted the resignation of Francis W. Cote from Bylaw Review Committee due to personal reasons. He was thanked for his service to the town and Beckley said his help with invaluable as the town went over its bylaws over the past year or so.

One-day beer and wine licenses were given to Workshop13 for Jan. 17, Feb. 15, Feb. 21 and Feb. 23; a special event permit was granted for a Rosary Rally to be held on Oct. 10 and a license approval was granted for Gillespie Car Care 1, with a stipulation that there will be no parking on the front lawn of the Palmer Road property.

Whitney agreed to be the point person for renegotiating Crevier’s upcoming contract with the town. He is coming up on three years of serving as the acting and permanent police chief.

Executive session

Selectmen held a roll call vote to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with Acting Fire Chief Chris Gagnon, and said they would not be coming back into a regular meeting.

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Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of editor for two of its weekly publications, the *Journal Register*, which covers Palmer and surrounding towns, and the *Ludlow Register*. This full-time position is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St.

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Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of staff writer for two of its weekly publications: the *Ware River News*, which covers Ware, Hardwick and Warren, and the *Quabog Current*, which covers the Brookfields, Sturbridge and New Braintree. This full-time position is based in our Ware office at 80 Main St. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills or the enthusiasm to develop them.

The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially everything that unfolds in small towns. Assignments will be for both newspapers as well as other companywide publications.

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After the excavation, volunteers leveled the ground for the bocce ball court outside of the Ware Senior Center.

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was the perfect time to install the court because it would likely be ready for use in the late spring or early summer.

Ware Scoutmaster Dan Flynn said Donnelly's project "hits the marks for a true Eagle Scout project."

"He's spent more time planning, presenting, learning about and gathering materials needed than time spent putting the project together," said Flynn. "The secret to a good project is to listen to the advice people are giving you – Ryan has done just that."

"It's not a regulation size court," Donnelly said. "But I wanted to make sure that it was big enough for everyone to have a good experience."



Ryan Donnelly (right) oversees the construction of the bocce ball court outside of the Ware Senior Center in November.



Turley Publications correspondent photos by Melina Bourdeau
Ryan Donnelly's Eagle Scout project was a bocce ball court outside of the Ware Senior Center.



During construction of Ryan Donnelly's Eagle Scout project - a bocce ball court, volunteers built the frame in the parking lot of the Ware Senior Center.

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morning; a young man hiking solo. We exchanged greetings, then he moved on ahead of me. Two couples passed me shortly after. Within 15 minutes, I caught up with the solo hiker. He was standing in the middle of the trail, attempting to tie a long sleeve shirt around his head as a sort of mask in order to protect his face from the biting wind and frigid temps. He looked at me, with my face almost completely covered by my balaclava and ski goggles, and said, "I don't have the right gear for these conditions. I'm turning back."

A few minutes later, as I continued up the steep path, one of the couples was coming back down as well. They told me that once they broke out of the trees, the visibility was nonexistent, and they couldn't find the summit. "It's really bad up there," they cautioned. I took note of their warnings, but decided that I would make my decision about whether or not it was safe to continue once I reached the alpine zone. I continued climbing, and encountered the final couple who had passed me earlier. They were standing on the side of the trail, pulling on more layers of clothing. We chatted briefly, then I moved past them.

When I reached the alpine zone, I understood why the

first couple had turned back here. While I knew that the crest of the mountain was only two tenths of a mile from where I stood, it was completely invisible due to white-out conditions. I could barely see from one cairn to the next, and I couldn't tell the difference between a cairn and krumholz since everything was encased in ice and snow. (A cairn is a man-made pile of stones used as a trail marker. Krumholz is stunted, deformed vegetation shaped by exposure to fierce, freezing winds.) Between the lack of visibility and the intense wind, I had a brief internal debate over whether or not it was safe to continue. I was determined, but I wasn't so hell-bent on reaching the summit that I'd risk my life to do it.

"I can do this!" I finally told myself. "I came here to conquer my fears, and that's exactly what I'm going to do!" I braced myself against the power of the wind gusts by using my trekking poles for stability; and I pushed forward. I stomped my feet hard into the crusty snow, knowing that I may need to follow my footprints on my way back in order to find the trail again. My heart was beating furiously in my chest as I rose higher.

And then I saw it through the milky white that was enveloping it... the ever so faint outline of the summit. I plodded through the deep snow until I was standing at the snow encased sign marking the high point of the mountain. I pulled out my phone to snap a picture, but within seconds, the battery died from the below zero temperature. Unable to stay still on the summit for more than a few minutes due to the risk of hypothermia, I quickly followed my footprints back down to the shelter of the trees, and slowly descended until I reached the trailhead a few hours later.

The purpose of this hike was to overcome my fears and to still the rapid beating of my heart from worry. I wanted to leave it all on the mountain, and come back feeling rejuvenated... and fierce... and strong. I received all of that, and so much more. Not only had I made it to the summit of a 4,802 foot mountain in some of the worst winter conditions that I have ever experienced, but I had done it solo. The mountains truly do provide.

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." - John Muir.

Peace, and hike on friends!

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

For more information on news or community features for the Ware River News, please email ekennedy@turley.com.



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Left to right are Kimberly Cobb, senior vice president and CFO of North Brookfield Savings Bank, Daniel Forte, president of the Massachusetts Bankers Association, Dakota DesRochers, QVCDC staff member, Steve Lowell, president of Monson Savings Bank, Alexis Berrios, QVCDC staff member, Sheila Cuddy, QVCDC executive director, and Melissa Fales, QVCDC staff member.

QVCDC receives \$5,000 grant

WARE – The Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation recently received a \$5,000 award from the Massachusetts Bankers Association Charitable Foundation in recognition of its work to better the communities it serves. Daniel Forte, President of the Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) presented a check to QVCDC Executive Director Sheila Cuddy during a reception at the QVCDC's office, located at 23 West Main St., Ware, on Dec. 6.

In her remarks at the reception, Cuddy thanked Monson Savings Bank and North Brookfield Savings Bank for nominating the QVCDC for the award. "This award demonstrates the importance of partnerships between our local banks and non-profit community development organizations," said Cuddy. "Together we build communities." Steven Lowell, president of Monson Savings Bank, Kimberly Cobb, senior vice president and chief financial officer of North Brookfield Savings Bank, and Caitlin O'Connor, assistant vice

president and marketing manager for North Brookfield Savings Bank, were on hand for the check presentation. Also present were Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley and Lucas McDiarmid, aide to state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, who presented a citation to the QVCDC on Gobi's behalf.

Cuddy said the funds awarded will be used to support the QVCDC's programs, which are designed to strengthen the fabric of the business communities and improve the day-to-day lives of residents in the Quaboag Valley region. Along with its sister organization, the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation, the QVCDC serves 20 communities in western/central Massachusetts by offering small business loans, providing business-related computer software training, teaching financial capability classes and leading business planning courses.

The QVCDC works with municipalities on projects such as the Quaboag Connector and the Hardwick Senior Outreach Program. In addition, the QVCDC

has partnered with Holyoke Community College to bring education and employment services to downtown Ware at Education to Employment: Quaboag Region Workforce Training and Community College Center. The QVCDC is a private, non-profit organization in operation since 1995. For more information about the QVCDC and the services it offers, please visit www.QVCDC.org.

The MBA represents approximately 140 banks and savings and loan associations throughout New England. This year, the MBA Charitable Foundation set a new record in its annual year-end community grant season, awarding 45 grants totaling \$172,500. "We are thrilled to be able to provide these gifts," said Patrick J. Murray, chairman of the MBA Charitable Foundation and president and CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank, in Taunton. "This foundation has done so much good work over the year, yet each gift-giving season, we see more need. That's why, each year, we rededicate ourselves to this effort to help in any way we can."

Ware Public Schools to Bring STEM Learning Labs to Middle School

Ware one of just three school systems in Massachusetts to participate in innovative educational program

The Ware Public Schools is proud to announce a partnership with i2 Learning to bring an innovative project-based curriculum into middle school classrooms.

Through this partnership with i2 Learning, Ware Middle School will run a series of immersive one week STEM programs in 2020 and then a full year interdisciplinary program in the 2021-22 school year. Ware teachers will work closely with i2 Learning in developing this program and will receive extensive professional development in project-based pedagogy and STEM curriculum. In addition, all materials, supplies, and training necessary for this program will be provided by i2 Learning at no cost to Ware as the entire program has been grant funded.

"We need to give students the skills to be successful in a rapidly changing world where tomorrow's opportunities and challenges haven't even been considered yet," Superintendent Marlene DiLeo said. "Through this opportunity, our teachers will work in collaboration with i2 Learning trainers to develop curriculum immersed in authentic and relevant project-based learning across all content areas. This is a truly significant opportunity for our students and staff, one that will have a profound impact on our school."

Ware is one of just three school systems in Massachusetts awarded this opportunity with i2 Learning. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and i2 Learning hope that this program in Ware will be an example of best practices in 21st century learning and can then be rolled out to other districts across the state.

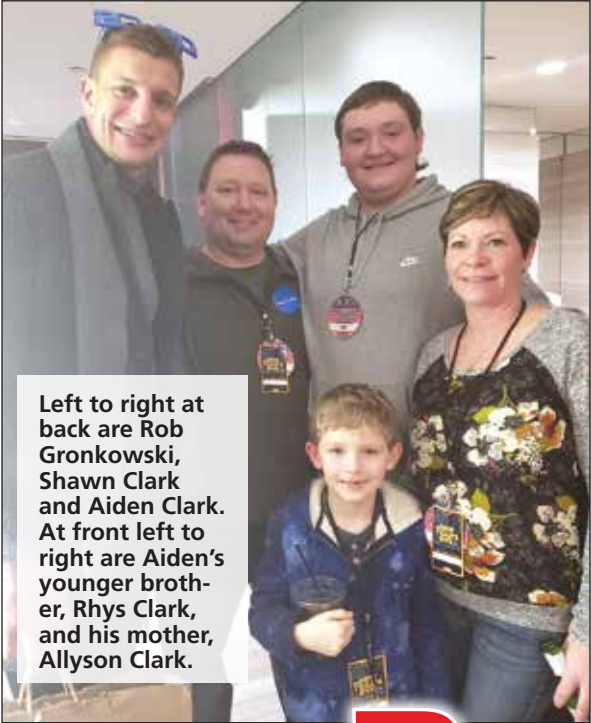
With curriculum partners that include MIT, The Boston Children's Museum, and The New York Hall of Science, i2 Learning provides hands-on, project-based learning in STEM courses such as "Building an Interactive Friendly Monster," "Crash Test Engineering," and "Surgical Techniques."

Outside evaluations by Teachers College, Columbia University and EDC of previous i2 Learning programs have shown high levels of student engagement during classes and an increase in student interest in STEM and STEM careers after participating in the program.

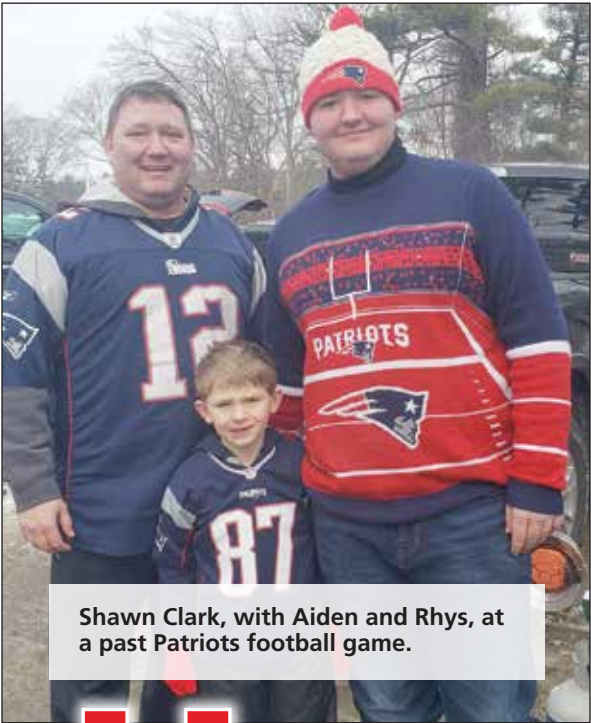
i2 Learning supporters include Vertex Pharmaceuticals, MathWorks, The Shah Family Foundation, The Lynch Foundation, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, and Spectrum Equity. To learn more about the i2 Learning program, visit i2learning.org



Former Patriots player Rob Gronkowski, left, talks to Adrian Clark, right, and his father, Shawn Clark.



Left to right at back are Rob Gronkowski, Shawn Clark and Aiden Clark. At front left to right are Aiden's younger brother, Rhys Clark, and his mother, Allyson Clark.



Shawn Clark, with Aiden and Rhys, at a past Patriots football game.



Aiden Clark and his father, Shawn, following this year's Thanksgiving game between Ware High and Quaboag Regional Middle High School, which was played at Ware.

Super Bowl bound

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surprised by the Make-A-Wish Foundation and his parents, Shawn and Allyson, when they and Aiden's younger brother, Rhys, traveled to New York for New Year's Eve. Gronkowski came out while the teenager was being interviewed by the host of the television show, Steve Harvey, on Fox's New Year Eve's coverage.

Aiden was chosen to go to New York for New Year's Eve, said his father, through the Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the National Football League and Make-A-Wish America, due to his illness, Rolandic epilepsy.

A self-described Patriots and Gronkowski fan, Aiden said when his doctor at Boston Children's Hospital recommended him to Make-A-Wish, he thought about what he wanted to do. "I thought of so many things, and I wanted to do something somewhat rare. I wanted to do something that wasn't too crazy, but something they (his parents) would want to do," he said of choosing a chance to go to the Super Bowl. "I didn't think I'd end up on stage with Steve Harvey or be on television on New Year's Eve."

Aiden started having problems when he was 6, but although the Clarks were told he would improve



Patriots gear former player Rob Gronkowski signed for Aiden Clark and his brother, Rhys.

as he got older, his seizures became worse from 9 to 14. In 2017, he underwent a new type of laser surgery that "has all but cured him," according to his dad. Although the family told Wish-A-Foundation he was better and there were children who needed something like this more, the foundation insisted he take part.

And the cat almost got out of

the bag the day before New Year's Eve. His parents knew he would be meeting Gronkowski live on television the next night, but Aiden did not. As they exited an elevator at their hotel, who exited the elevator across from them but Gronkowski. He began talking to both Clark boys right away. As his parents led him away from Gronkowski, the Clarks assured the foundation rep-



A younger Aiden Clark shows he has always been a New England Patriots fan complete with team gear.



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Aiden Clark's selfie of himself and Rob Gronkowski, after he bumped into the former Patriots player at his New York City hotel the day before New Year's Eve.

Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic

Donna Woods – Customer Service/Receptionist

Donna joined our team in November, 2019. She started her career in banking and worked for over 35 years in customer service. She has worked as a customer service receptionist in the Emergency Room for both VCA Boston Road Animal Hospital in Springfield, MA and Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Hospital in South Deerfield, MA for over 3 years. Donna has 2 sons, Jarred and Justin. She lives in Monson with her boyfriend Steve and their cat named Charlie.



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Theriault spoils win for Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — The Ware girls varsity basketball team walked into the Palmer High School gymnasium last Friday night looking to improve their season record to a perfect 5-0.

The Lady Indians, who had won the first four games of the regular season by an average of 18 points, held a 37-28 lead with 4:37 remaining in the fourth quarter. That's when sophomore guard Maddy Theriault took over the spotlight for the home team.

Theriault scored 12 of her team-leading 17 points down the stretch leading the Lady Panthers to a thrilling 43-39 non-league victory over the Lady Indians before a large vocal crowd.

"Even though we were trailing in the fourth quarter, I knew that we could still make a comeback," Theriault said. "I've been playing basketball against Ware since I was in the eighth grade and this is a very big win for us."

Palmer has now won the last three meetings in the rivalry series. They celebrated a 53-45 road win last year and also posted a 53-45 home win two years.

"Ware has been one of our biggest rivals for many years," said first-year Palmer co-head coach Denise Levasseur, who's a member of the Palmer Athletic Hall of Fame. "The Palmer and Ware rivalry still lives on and you could feel the emotion in the gym tonight. It always feels nice to win any game that you play, especially one against your rivals."

Levasseur shares the coaching duties with Amanda Theriault.

The come-from-behind victory snapped the Lady Panthers (2-2) two-game losing streak. They began the regular season with a 65-56 non-league home victory versus Mahar Regional before losing to Agawam and Granby.

Junior guard Madison Cole provided the offensive spark for Palmer in the first half against Ware. She scored 13 of her 16 points during that span. Junior forward Miyah Mega chipped in with six points.

The leading scorer in the game for Ware was junior guard Aidyn Welsh, who finished with a game-high 19 points.

"Aidyn has been one of our leading scorers this year," said Ware head coach Dan Orszulak. "We just need a few



Lexie Orszulak prevents the ball from going out.



Aidyn Welsh goes high for this jumper.



Chelsea Orszulak fights through two defenders.



Tyler Bond goes for an outside jumper.



ABOVE: Hayden Perry goes in for a layup.



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LEFT: Drew Martinez maintains possession of the rebound.



Alex Worthington drives to the basket.



Brandon Valentin grabs this rebound.

Defensive game does not go Cougars' way

WARREN – Last Friday night, defense was the theme for the Quaboag and Millbury boys basketball teams as they battled in a close affair with the Cougars falling 35-33. Quaboag led early 12-4, but Millbury had a big third quarter to make their way back and take the lead after three quarters. Derrick Shepherd had eight points to lead the Cougars while Drew Martinez had seven points. Quaboag is now 5-2 this season.

Defense keys early run for Quabbin boys

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - What a difference a year makes.

The Quabbin boys basketball team is back and people have definitely noticed. With an undefeated



Submitted photo
Quabbin senior Dylan Hoekstra runs by a Gardner defender.

ed 6-0 record coming into early January after a 46-29 win over Gardner on the road last Friday, there has been one constant that has been key to their success.

"In the past six games we have been able to play suffocating defense, holding opponents to a mere 39.5 points per game, while our team-oriented offense has been able to produce 57.3 points," said Quabbin senior captain Croix Jenkins, who was his team's high scorer against the Wildcats with 12 points.

Focusing on fundamentals and maintaining standards one game at a time is another important key element to the makeup of the team, according to head coach Dennis Dextradeur.

"Our mission is for continuous improvement and each of our players and staff has always recognized that preparation is something we never want to compromise,"

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Mackayla Weldon attempts a layup for the Pioneers.



Emily Latulippe goes after the loose ball.



Allyson Dube gets a clear shot on the hoop.

Pioneers out to hot start

PALMER – The Pathfinder High School girls basketball team is 3-0 to start this winter season. Their second win of the season was a 33-21 home win against St. Mary's on Dec.

27. It was a low-scoring affair for both teams, but Pathfinder's defense did an excellent job limiting St. Mary's to just 10 points in the second half. The Pioneers were led by Skylee

McQuaid with 14 points and Allyson Dube with 12 points. Pathfinder started out 2020 with a win against Sci-Tech and next faces Commerce on Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Skylee McQuaid goes for a layup well ahead of a block attempt.

Panthers offense overwhelms Gardner

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - The new year is here, the holidays are over and the Quabbin girls basketball team is ready to find their groove as they continue to improve their record to 4-2 (2-1 Mid Wach C) last Friday evening, overpowering Gardner 55-32 at home.

“We have been able to weather the storm and holiday season,” Quabbin head coach Ryan Burnett said. “It’s been difficult because of the storm days we had early on in the season and with Christmas and New Year’s being in the middle of the week this year. Now that the calendar has turned and the kids are headed back to class this week, I anticipate our team to get into a better flow to the season.”

Burnett and his contingent have a lot to be excited about, with a decent beginning to the season and a strong core of girls, anything is possible.

Panther sophomore Asheley Leighton proved just that when she netted 17 points, a career high – against the Wildcats.

“My teammates definitely enabled me to score, because if they did not pass and work the ball, then I would not have gotten as many open shots as I did,” Leighton said, who school choices from Spencer and plays center for Quabbin. “I love basketball because it’s fun and competitive. I played some varsity my freshman year, but it is my first year being full varsity.”

Burnett has liked what he has seen in Leighton.

“Ashley came up at the end of last season and saw a few minutes,” commented Burnett. “She worked really hard on her own and with our coaches in the offseason



Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Panther senior Olivia Fay sets up for a shot.

and that work is paying off now. I expect Ashley now as a sophomore to play with much more confidence and play really well for us. She is a big part of our success and she is an even better kid and student.”

Gardner initially gave Quabbin a run for their money early on, with only a 12-10 Panther lead at the end of the first quarter. But it was the talent on the host team that eventually wore the neighboring players out, as Quabbin stretched the lead at the half to 30-23 and never looked back after the break.

“It’s always nice to see Melissa (the varsity coach of Gardner who was the former Quabbin JV coach who worked with Burnett), she and her coaching staff do a wonderful job day in and day out with those kids,” complimented Burnett.



Quabbin sophomore Ashley Leighton focuses on a free throw.

“They play hard for her and have improved over the last several seasons. She is a great coach and will get that program turned around.”

The Gardner win was a confidence boost for the Panthers after a disappointing two-point loss to North Middlesex 33-31 on the road a week prior.

“North Middlesex is always a difficult place to go play and they have a really good, young team this year,” shared Burnett. “They have a few great shooters we were able to keep at bay in the first half of that game. We didn’t do as good of a job with that in the second half. We had a tough night shooting the ball, and as good of a defensive team as we are, we have to be able to score the basketball to beat good teams.”

Burnett hopes for a different outcome when the Patriots come to play in Panther territory at the end of the month.

Getting back to the Gardner game, as the lead continued to grow in the second half, Burnett was able to deliberately incorporate many of the things worked on in recent practices.

“Our goal was not just to win the game; but work on all of those things we went over in practice,” relayed Burnett. “I was able to put together a few different lineups on the floor to evaluate where we are at as a team moving forward. We played well enough in all areas, we were able to take on and off a press, man to man, different zones we have been working on, etc.”

“By the end of the night the girls really started to see not just what it was we were discussing in practice; but understand why we need to be proficient with all of those things,” continued Burnett. “This will just make us more dynamic and much harder to beat, especially against some of our tougher competition coming up in the next few weeks.”

Following behind high Panther scorer Leighton was senior Laney Shampine with 15, sophomore Jordyn Gillon with 6, and seniors Olivia Fay and Georgia Shampine adding five and four respectively.

“I’m proud of Laney, she has had to change her game slightly to be able to control the flow of the offense and has done a good job of finding that balance of when to speed up and slow back down,” said Burnett. “She is so quick, tall and skilled she is unlike any other athlete I’ve coached while here at Quabbin. I look for her and the rest of the team to truly find what our identity is and have a lot of fun with the rest of the season.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

Ware High School

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 10	Home	Drury 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13	Away	Belchertown 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Home	Monson 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Thursday, Jan. 9	Home	Smith Academy 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13	Away	Pope Francis 7 p.m.

Quaboag Regional High School

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 10	Home	Northbridge 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Away	Auburn 6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 10	Away	Northbridge 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13	Home	Auburn 6:30 p.m.
Indoor Track		
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Away	Quad-Meet 5:30 p.m.

Quabbin Regional High School

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 10	Home	Narragansett 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Away	Oakmont 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Monday, Jan. 13	Away	Doherty 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Home	Oakmont 7 p.m.
Indoor Track		
Friday, Jan. 10	Away	MSTCA Invitational TBD
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Away	Meet 3 4 p.m.
Wrestling		
Saturday, Jan. 11	Home	Quabbin Duals 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Away	Montachusett 6:30 p.m.

Pathfinder High School

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 10	Away	Smith Voke 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13	Home	Gateway 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Thursday, Jan. 9	Home	Commerce 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10	Home	North Brookfield 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13	Away	North Brookfield 7 p.m.
Wrestling		
No meet this week		

T-Birds salvage road trip with win in final game

WILKES-BARRE, Penn. – The Springfield Thunderbirds (20-16-2-0) capped off a 4-for-4 road trip with a defiant 6-3 victory over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (17-14-3-2) on Saturday night at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

The Penguins, who entered in a salty mood after falling 6-2 on home ice an evening ago, took control of the first period, registering 11 of the game’s first 17 shots. After Anthony Angello rang a shot off the crossbar, narrowly missing with a chance to open the scoring, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton quickly bounced back.

At the 10:57 mark of the period, the Penguins set up a simple offensive zone play with Sam Miletic stationed in front of the goal creating a screen on Springfield goaltender Philippe Desrosiers. Macoy Erkamps lifted a wrist shot into the traffic, where Miletic deflected it off the post, then Desrosiers’ skate and into the net to give the Penguins the 1-0 advantage.

The Thunderbirds offense could not get much going, but they had one glorious chance to score in the early minutes, with Owen Tippett alone in the bottom of the right circle, but the pass to him from Aleks Saarela kicked off his skate and into the corner, and Springfield failed to connect.

Springfield would come out in the second period with a much higher energy level, and at 4-on-4 play just 1:21 into the middle period, Thomas Schmitsch aggressively pinched up from his defense position to take a center feed from Saarela just outside

the crease. After Casey DeSmith made an initial save, Schemitsch gathered in the rebound right along the right-wing goal line, where he sneaked a second shot from the sharp angle past DeSmith to tie the game, 1-1.

Springfield’s power play created chances in the first half of the period, but could not break the 1-1 tie, and Adam Johnson got the Penguins back in front as he circled the offensive zone on his forehead to the left wing circle before lifting a wrist shot through a screen and past Desrosiers at 11:03 to make it 2-1 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

The Penguins kept the Springfield offense at bay until the final two minutes of period two. First, Dryden Hunt scooped up his second power play goal in two games against the Penguins, scooting to the right side of the crease, accepting a feed from Paul Thompson, and putting the puck upstairs over the glove hand of DeSmith to make it 2-2 at 18:19.

Springfield would not be content with a tie, though, and just 1:12 later, with just 28.6 seconds left on the clock, Owen Tippett moved into the right circle and found Jake Massie jumping up into the play from the left point, and the rookie defenseman sniped it over the short-side shoulder of DeSmith to give the Thunderbirds the 3-2 lead into the final period.

The Penguins would not go away quietly in the third, as Jordy Bellerive bull-rushed a T-Birds

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other players to step up and help her out.”

Junior forward Chelsea Orszulak scored seven points and junior guard Olivia Vadnais added five points for the visiting team.

Neither team has a senior listed on their varsity roster.

The Lady Indians (4-1) only made one field goal during the final five minutes of the game.

“We were up by nine points in the fourth quarter and we talked about doing two things during a timeout,” coach Orszulak said. “We wanted to take care of the basketball and get defensive rebounds. We just didn’t do those things down the stretch. It’s a big rivalry game and Palmer just made the plays at the end. They deserved to win the game.”

The Lady Panthers comeback began with a fast-break lay-up by Theriault with 4:15 showing on the scoreboard clock following a missed 3-pointer.

Then an inside basket by eighth grade guard Saige Youngberg, which were her only points of the contest, and a made free throw by Mega closed the gap to 37-33 with 3:09 remaining in regulation.

An old fashion three-point play by Theriault cut the Lady Panthers deficit to 37-36 with 1:32 left.

Theriault made another free throw, which tied the score at 37-37 before making a lay-up giving her team the lead for the first time since the end of the first half with 51 seconds remaining in the contest.

“We wanted to stop Maddy from driving to the basket, but



Aidyn Welsh prepares to receive a half court pass.



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Olivia Vadnais goes in for a layup.

sealed the Lady Panthers victory.

“Maddy struggled offensively during the first three quarters, but she stepped up and took over the game during the fourth quarter,” coach Theriault said. “This win should give us a lot of confidence going forward.”

Cole made three 3-pointers during the first quarter, which gave the Lady Panthers a 14-8 lead entering the second quarter.

The Lady Indians outscored the Lady Panthers 17-9 during the second quarter.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Welsh and Vadnais tied the score at 14-14 with 6:55 left in the first

she found a way to do it,” coach Orszulak said. “She was the difference for them down the stretch.”

Nine seconds later, a lay-up by Ware junior center Audrey LaValley (4 points) tied the score for the final time at 39-39.

The Lady Panthers would retake the lead following a Theriault lay-up with 26 seconds left. She also made two made free throws with 5.4 seconds remaining, which

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Dextradeur said.

After losing four seniors last year, finishing the season 7-12 and not making either the play-offs or earning a spot in the Clark Tournament – something that had not happened since 2010, the Panthers are not looking back, but looking forward as they have a powerful lineup with a deep bench of valuable contributors.

“Our size can be an advantage and has created game plans to get the basketball into our strength and size in the paint,” stated Dextradeur.

With junior Shea Skowyra at 6’5”, Jenkins at 6’4”, senior captain Tyler Chamberlain at 6’3” and junior Brendan Whitelaw at 6’2”, this four-some can easily wreak havoc both under the boards and on the scoreboard.

“Shea and Croix are power forwards that enjoy the physicality of the game, both Tyler and Brendan are combo guards that offer us versatility as both a guard and forward in our position less system of play,” explained Dextradeur. “Junior Devin Pride, our 6’2” forward and

sophomore Connor Geary also at 6’2” are both emerging as impact players and also create a size advantage for us against some teams.”

Rounding out the roster with 5’10” senior captains and guards Dylan Hoekstra, Max Leroux and juniors Ryan Kowal and Jake Sherblom at 6’5”, Dextradeur has proven his Panthers have been able to get things done.

“Dylan, Max and Ryan, with their quickness and agility, it allows us to play a more transition game and Jake offers us a tall frontline,” remarked Dextradeur.

Not to mention, many of the players have been together since elementary school.

“Having played with many of my teammates since fifth grade, we have built great connections and understanding of how each other work and function,” Jenkins said. “On top of this we all have a team-oriented mindset, that makes it very fun to play with.”

Currently the Panthers have three players averaging in double figures – Chamberlain with 13.5, Jenkins at 11.0 and Skowyra with 10.2. Newcomer Geary improved his aver-

age to 6.6 points per game when he followed behind Jenkins with 11 points against Gardner.

“I am very honored at being the only sophomore on varsity,” said Geary. “Scoring points is always nice and an essential part of the game, but it is defense that wins games.”

The Quabbin defense started out a bit late last week as Gardner jumped to an early 9-0 lead, but it wasn’t long after that the Panthers pulled things together and did what they needed to do.

“We were able to win by fighting through the adversity and playing good defense,” said Leroux, whose team led by a point, 19-18 at the half. “We knew shots would start to fall if we kept ourselves in the game.”

Shots did start to fall, and finally in the third quarter Quabbin could breathe a sigh of relief with a 30-23 lead to ultimately earn the league win pushing their record to 6-0, 3-0 Mid Wach C, while leaving Gardner at 3-4, 1-2 Mid Wach C.

“Balanced scoring is certainly a strength of this team,” Dextradeur said, who included Chamberlain



Quabbin senior Croix Jenkins goes up for a shot, despite some heavy Gardner defense.

added eight points, with Leroux and Whitelaw contributing with five. “Dylan and Max combined for an effective defensive strategy on Gardner’s top player and scorer and that effort really set the defensive tone the entire game. Connor gave us a boost offensively along with



Panther junior Brendan Whitelaw looks for opportunities on the court.

Croix and TJ and Brendan really had a strong second half as we were able to pull away late in the third quarter with an 11-5 run.”

The Panthers host an exciting game tomorrow night against neighboring Narragansett (5-1) at 7:00 p.m.



Submitted photos

Panther Ryan Kowal looks for a teammate to pass to.

Hitchcock Academy classes

Monday, Jan. 13
REMINDER: Students can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on Hitchcock Academy’s website at hitchcockacademy.org.

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9 to 11 a.m.; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weight-watchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

CHI KUNG 6 to 7 p.m. Chi Kung is a flow of slow, mindful movements, balancing practices, and some static postures done with the intention of enhancing the flow of energy throughout the body. Some of the benefits of these practices are a sense of well-being and increased energy, flexibility, strength, and balance. Participants will be standing; no mat required. Wear comfortable clothing and non-skid shoes; bring water if needed. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

YOGA: 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. This 90-minute Hatha Yoga practice will relax and rejuvenate you with guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

Tuesday, Jan. 14
ART GROUP: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Students should bring their own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

PILATES: 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. A perfect class for those who wish to unwind right after work. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

PILATES: 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. A

great way to start the evening. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

Wednesday, Jan. 15
WATERCOLOR: 9:30 a.m. to noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call 413-245-3295.

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Music and Movement: 9 to 10 a.m.

THRIVE: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. United Way’s Thrive program offers assistance with household budgeting, credit-related issues, planning for household spending, debt, banking, SNAP enrollment as well as referrals to tax preparation services, workforce training and community resources. Join United Way Staff member, Walter Rice, for an introductory session for anyone desiring financial assistance. One to one meetings will be scheduled as needed. Free.

POP COLLEGE: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Searching for the right college? Applying to schools? Trying to figure out how to pay for it all? This free session touches on all the steps for college planning and preparation. Pre-registration for this course is a requirement. For those interested in additional coaching Lisa will discuss the programs she offers. Instructor Lisa Saverese Burkitt. Free.

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Six classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor-National Association of Canine Scent Work.

COUPLES YOGA 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Calling all couples for a short, fun series of gentle yoga classes. No yoga experience necessary, and those new to yoga are especially encouraged to try it out. Couples can enjoy some time together exploring pos-

tures, breathing and mindfulness techniques, brief meditations, and... relaxation. The classes will include individual and partner practices and some conscious communication practices with each student’s partner. For each person, bring a mat if possible, blanket and water, and wear comfortable clothing. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher.

Thursday, Jan. 16
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Thursday: STEM Experiments 9-10:30 a.m. Bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org.

VIOLIN LESSONS: 2-5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

FENCING: 6:15-7:15 p.m. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.

K9 NOSEWORK 7 to 8:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor National Association of Canine Scent Work.

Friday, Jan. 17
A L C O H O L I C S ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18
K9 NOSEWORK 9 a.m. to noon. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor National Association of Canine Scent Work.



Dina Merwin



Kylie LaPlante



Kelly Collins

Monson Savings announces recent promotions

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank has announced the following promotions:

Kelly Collins has been promoted to assistant vice president, marketing officer. She joined Monson Savings Bank in February 2016 as the marketing officer and has worked hard to promote the MSB brand throughout the last few years. She is passionate about sharing the bank’s story and successes. She has a bachelor’s degree in communications and marketing, has an extensive background in marketing, and recently graduated from the Leadership Pioneer Valley program.

Kylie LaPlante has been pro-

moted to the position of business development officer. She joined the MSB team in December 2011 as a teller. She went on to earn positions of CSA supervisor, assistant branch manager, branch manager and in December 2018 began working as a business relationship manager. She has a bachelor’s degree in management and is a graduate of the New England School for Financial Studies.

Dina Merwin has been promoted to senior vice president, chief risk and senior compliance officer. She joined MSB in June 2013 as a compliance officer. She worked hard to build a successful compliance program for the bank and was

promoted to positions of assistant vice president, vice president, and most recently, first vice president compliance and bsa officer. She attended STCC, Quinsigamond Community College and Worcester State College, and is a graduate of the Massachusetts School for Financial Studies and the National School of Banking.

“We are extremely pleased to announce these well-deserved promotions,” said Steve Lowell, President of Monson Savings Bank. “Kelly, Kylie and Dina are important contributors to our continued success. We have an incredible team here at Monson Savings.”

Gobi and Goldberg announce BabySteps launch

BOSTON – State Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced the launch of the BabySteps Savings Plan, Massachusetts’ first statewide post-high school education savings account program. Started by the Treasurer’s Office of Economic Empowerment, BabySteps, gives every child born or adopted in Massachusetts a free \$50 seed deposit when a family member opens a college or vocational savings account through MEFA. This deposit comes at no cost to the taxpayers and will incentivize families of all income levels to start saving for their children’s future, today.

“As the Senate Chair of the Higher Education Committee, I have met with numerous students who are saddled with enormous college debt,” Gobi said. “Starting early in saving and planning are

key to relieving some of that burden. I appreciate the work of Treasurer Goldberg and I am glad to support this worthwhile program and encourage new parents to enroll their children.”

“With the rising cost of post-secondary education, the opportunity to receive a college or vocational degree is uncertain for many of our kids,” said Goldberg. “BabySteps will encourage families to save and invest earlier for their children’s higher education.”

This program builds upon Goldberg’s two successful pilot programs, SeedMA and SoarMA, in economically and diverse areas of the state. Using best practices from the pilot program puts BabySteps Savings Plan in position to provide families with a seamless sign-up process. Parents simply need to check the box on the birth certificate form they receive

in the hospital (Parent Worksheet for Live Birth – Newborn) to start the enrollment process, or they can visit BabyStepsSavingsPlan.org to learn more about the program and get started.

All new parents and guardians in Massachusetts will have one year after the child is born or adopted to open a U.Fund 529 college savings account in order to receive the \$50 deposit. The deposit will be transferred directly into the child’s U.Fund account offered by MEFA and financed by the Massachusetts State Treasurer’s Economic Empowerment Trust Fund with support from private donors.

The BabySteps Savings Plan will also provide free financial education services to all families in the commonwealth.

For more information on the BabySteps Saving Plan, please visit BabyStepsSavingsPlan.org.

The Agriculture of New England photo exhibit at library through Jan. 30

PALMER – The Springfield Photographic Society will display a photography exhibit entitled “The Agriculture of New England” in the Community Room of the Palmer Public Library located at 1455 North Main St., during operating hours from Jan. 2 to Jan. 30.

This project was commissioned in 2019 by the management of The Big E after the photography club offered to display an exhibit depicting life in New England. The management of The Big E suggested that the club members provide a look at agriculture in New England, since The Big E is essentially an agricultural fair. The photo exhibit was designed to cover the great variety of agricultural products and activities found throughout New England including lobsters and honey bees, craft breweries and vineyards, horses and sheep, onions and garlic, and everything else from apples to yarn.

After six months of field work by the group, the show comprises 35 topics taken from 23 different club photographers.

A public reception will be held at the Palmer Library on Saturday, Jan. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many of the photographers will be there and available to talk about this project. Information

will be available about the Springfield Photographic Society and what it does as a club.

The club invites the public to view this exhibition and show their support of local libraries and local artists.

The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

• **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what’s going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents’ lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

• **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

• **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

• **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

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Behind the Lines in Ware

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

Parking lot accident

On Friday, Dec. 20, Ware police received a call reporting an accident in the Wal-Mart parking lot involving a Quaboag Current bus. Ware police reported the driver was taking a turn in the front of Wal-Mart where pedestrians usually cross when the vehicle turned, it scraped the right-side rear corner of an unoccupied parked car. There were no passengers on the bus at the time of the accident.

Christmas for Kids

Ware police reported \$5,000 worth of toys were donated to the Trinity Episcopal Church with the help of the Wilbraham Police Department. Ware Police Chief Shawn Crevier said he wanted to thank Sgt. Jeffrey Rudinski, of the Wilbraham Police Department, for providing donations as well as numerous residents and Ware Police volunteers.

Homebase fundraiser

The Ware Police Department is

Ware Police Log

Thursday, Dec. 19
2:09 a.m. Parking Complaint, Vigeant Street – Citation Issued
2:14 a.m. Parking Complaint, Sherwin Street – Citation Issued
8:39 a.m. Assault, South Street – Services Rendered
8:45 a.m. Ambulance Request, Mechanic Street – Services Rendered
8:57 a.m. Ambulance Request, Eddy Street – Services Rendered
9:04 a.m. Ambulance Request, Shoreline Drive – Services Rendered
9:33 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Main Street – Services Rendered
9:45 a.m. Arrest, North Street – Arrest on Warrant
9:50 a.m. Arrest, North Street – Arrest on Warrant
12:59 p.m. Alarm Burglar, Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
1:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation, West Main Street – Written Warning
1:55 p.m. Ambulance Request, Eagle Street – Services Rendered
2:50 p.m. Ambulance Request, Palmer Road – Services Rendered
2:51 p.m. Fire Report, Main Street – Referred to Other Agency
3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation, West Main Street – Written Warning
6:46 p.m. Ambulance Request, South Street – Referred to Other Agency
6:52 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run), Cherry Street – Investigated, Report Filed
10:28 p.m. Officer Wanted Fisherdict Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Friday, Dec. 20
3 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued
3:10 a.m. Parking Complaint Boivin Avenue – Citation Issued
3:13 a.m. Parking Complaint Mattson Boulevard – Citation Issued
3:21 a.m. Parking Complaint Wildflower Drive – Citation Issued
3:27 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Aspen Street – Citation Issued
7:23 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Webb Court – Investigation Pending
10:35 a.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered
10:37 a.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered
12:33 p.m. Accident, Vehicle, Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
12:33 p.m. Accident, Vehicle, Palmer Road – Services Rendered
1:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Cummings Street – Services Rendered
3:17 p.m. Ambulance Request, Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
3:36 p.m. Missing Person,

participated in a fundraiser from October through the end of 2019 to raise money for Homebase program helps veterans with PTSD. Participating officers made a donation and were able to grow a beard through the end of the year.

Vandalism incidents

On Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday Dec. 28, Ware Police Department received reports of vandalism and break-ins. On Friday, a caller reported his windows were shot out by a group of juveniles with a BB gun. Investigating officers found the juveniles in the tree on Veterans Square and shot at passing cars from the inside of the tree. On Saturday, a caller reported there was a group of juveniles that broke into their car. The person yelled to the juveniles, who were scared off. The matters are currently being investigated.

Stolen puppies returned

Ware police received reports on Thursday, Jan. 3, a resident near Route 9 got home and found nine

roughly three-week-old puppies were stolen. Ware police report the owner of the dog, rents to 11 people, and it was believed one of the residents could have taken the puppies. The owner told police they sell the puppies for \$500 each. The Ware animal control officer was tasked with investigating the matter. According to a Facebook post, they were returned in a plastic tote in front of a barn doorway. All of the puppies were “healthy but hungry.”

Drive sober/ get pulled over

Ware Police will have extra officers to monitor for impaired driving through Jan. 20. These shifts are paid through a \$1,725 state grant awarded to the department.

Gun permit change

As of Jan. 1, 2020, Ware Police will be doing gun permits by appointment “to better accommodate people’s schedules,” according to Officer John Cacula. For those looking to make an appointment should call the station at 413-967-3571 and ask for Cacula.

Coffey Hill Road – Services Rendered
4:41 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report, Webb Court – Services Rendered
7:10 p.m. Ambulance Request, Osborne Road – Services Rendered
7:50 p.m. Accident, Vehicle, West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
8 p.m. Investigation, North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
9:42 p.m. Fraud, North Street – Services Rendered
Saturday, Dec. 21
6:07 a.m. Fire, Report, Osborne Road – Referred to Other Agency
1:19 p.m. Ambulance Request, Dale Street – Services Rendered
7 p.m. Alarm Fire, Lovewell Street – Services Rendered
8:22 p.m. Ambulance Request, Palmer Road – Services Rendered
11:13 p.m. Ambulance Request, Homecrest Avenue – Services Rendered
Sunday, Dec. 22
1:07 a.m. Ambulance Request, Pine Street – Referred to Other Agency

1:09 p.m. Missing Person, River Road – Services Rendered
3:42 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run), West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
5:22 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint, West Warren Road – Referred to Other Agency
7:10 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
8:42 p.m. Ambulance Request, North Street – Services Rendered
Monday, Dec. 23
6:54 a.m. Vandalism, North Street – Services Rendered
7:03 a.m. Vandalism, North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
6:42 p.m. Officer Wanted, West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Tuesday, Dec. 24
12:37 a.m. Ambulance Request, Eagle Street – Referred to Other Agency
2:28 a.m. Town By-Law

Please see **POLICE LOG**, page 13

Ware Arrests

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

WARE – From Thursday, Dec. 19, to Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, Ware Police arrested 14 people.
Patrick Wells, 18, of 31 Fisherdict Road, Ware, was arrested on Thursday, Dec. 19, on charges of assault and battery and vandalizing property.
Nervin Rivera, 33, of 31 Fisherdict Road, Ware, was arrested on Thursday, Dec. 19 on charges of assault and battery.
Marc Lavallee, 45, of 2 Country Lane, Palmer, was arrested on Thursday, Dec. 19 on a warrant.
A 36-year-old Ware resident was arrested on Sunday, Dec. 22 on charges of domestic assault and battery.
Gregory Pinard, 58, of 15 Lynwood Ave., East Longmeadow, was arrested on Monday, Dec. 23 on charges of a third offense of operating under the influence of alcohol, unregistered motor vehicle and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.
Juan Montalban, 22, of 120 North St., Ware, was arrested on Tuesday, Dec. 24, on a warrant.
Anthony Albert, 39, of 3 Buckley Court, Ware, was arrested on Thursday, Dec. 26, on a warrant.

Johnathon Doyle, 28, of 70 Eagle Street, Ware, was arrested on Sunday, Dec. 29, on charges of operating under the influence of marijuana, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, number plate violation and possession of class E drugs.
Ashley Leneau, 28, of 19 Sherwin St., Ware, was arrested on Sunday, Dec. 29, on three warrants.
Sarah Herlihy, 29, of 19 Maple St., Ware, was arrested on Tuesday, Dec. 31, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
Judith Benoit, of 229 West Street, Ware, was arrested on Tuesday, Dec. 31, on charges of assault and battery on a person 60-years-old or older.
A 22-year-old Ware man was arrested on Tuesday, Dec. 31 on charges of assault and battery on a family/household member, assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.
Ricky Gilbert, 56, of 54 North St., Ware, was arrested on Wednesday, Jan. 1, on charges of disturbing the peace, possession of class B drugs and possession of class C.
A 27-year-old Ware man was arrested on Thursday, Jan. 2, on charges of assault on a family/household member.

271 Massachusetts State Police recruits began training Monday

NEW BRAINTREE – Early Monday morning, 271 members of the 85th Recruit Training Troop will enter the Massachusetts State Police Academy to begin the rigorous training to become Massachusetts State Troopers.
“Today’s start of the 85th R.T.T. serves as an important step toward ensuring that the commonwealth’s State Police force is adequately staffed to fulfill our core mission of serving and protecting Massachusetts’ residents and visitors and making our roadways safer,” said Colonel Christopher S. Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police.
Over the next 23 weeks, recruits based at the Academy compound in rural New Braintree will receive instruction in police procedures; criminal and motor vehicle laws; defensive tactics; ethics; departmental policies, rules and regulations; firearms and other use of force equipment; emergency first aid; physical training; and emergency driving. The training will be conducted by MSP drill instructors, classroom instructors, and specialized subject matter experts.
Topics of instruction will reflect the wide spectrum of current and emerging issues that large modern police agencies are tasked with

handling, including the opioid crisis, drugged driving, homeland security, social problems, mental health concerns, domestic violence and animal cruelty.
“Over the next 23 weeks, trainees will undertake a rigorous training regimen that will provide them with the fundamental skills required to navigate the modern policing environment,” Colonel Mason said. “This recruit class will receive instruction that emphasizes skills such as de-escalation, responding to and serving diverse and vulnerable populations, and officer wellness. This training environment will expand on reinforcing the important ethical and moral expectations that both the agency and the public share.”
One hallmark of MSP Academy training is scenario-based instruction, in which Recruits respond to dozens of different situations simulating those they will encounter once they graduate and begin patrolling the state. The scenarios — which involve the use of role players and realistic environments such as structures, roadsides, and vehicles — simulate a wide range of incidents and actions, including car stops, hidden contraband, suspicious persons, barricaded or combative suspects, and active shooters.

The scenarios, mostly performed outdoors and at times at night, are combined with many hours of classroom instruction, subject matter tests, defensive training, and a rigorous cross training-based fitness regimen designed to replicate the physical demands faced by a state trooper. Recruits are also trained in use of Department-issued firearms, electronic weapons and other use of force equipment, as well as in emergency medical aid, water rescue, and use of the overdose reversal drug Narcan.
Recruits undergo intensive training in emergency driving on the course at the MSP’s Emergency Vehicle Operations Center in Ayer. Recruits live at the Academy from Monday through Friday and complete homework assignments on weekends. The number of Recruits entering the Academy, 271, is the most in recent memory. Those who graduate will be sworn-in as MSP Troopers and begin their careers in late spring with assignments to road patrols out of the MSP’s five geographic Troops.
“I am confident that this approach to training will produce excellent results and will ensure that the public gets the high level of service they deserve,” Mason said.

Hardwick Police Log

Tuesday, Dec. 24
2:10 a.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Railroad Lane – Transported to Hospital
10:40 a.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Lower Road – Transported to Hospital
Wednesday, Dec. 25
8:18 a.m. 911 – Animal Off Ruggles Street – Unknown Outcome
Thursday, Dec. 26
1:03 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Fiske Road – Transported to Hospital
Friday, Dec. 27
8:22 a.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Main Street – Officer Handled
9:54 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
4:04 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
9:45 p.m. Radio – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Transported to Hospital
Saturday, Dec. 28
6:37 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Services Rendered
10:56 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Old Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered
Sunday, Dec. 29
3:38 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
9:22 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Fiske Road – Services Rendered
Monday, Dec. 30
11:12 a.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Road – Gone on Arrival
1:26 p.m. Walk-in – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Barre Road – Report Taken

Tuesday, Dec .31
8:49 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital
10:05 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Vehicle Towed
5:30 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Church Street – Citation Issued
9:43 p.m. 911 – Suspicious Activity North Street – Services Rendered
9:54 p.m. Phone – Vandalism Maple Street – Spoken To
Thursday, Jan. 2
12:55 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Old Petersham Road – Checked/Secured
3:54 p.m. Phone – Harassment Bridge Street – Spoken To
6:46 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Written Warning
7:07 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
Friday, Jan. 3
4:11 a.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
2:32 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Thresher Road – Transported to Hospital
Saturday, Jan. 4
10:05 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
11:52 a.m. Initiated – Identity Theft Unknown – Report Taken
2:51 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call North Street – Officer Handled
3:45 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
4:43 p.m. 911 – Gun Shots Pine Street – Could Not Locate
5:34 p.m. Initiated – Motor

Editor’s Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court’s final disposition.

Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning
8:13 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Church Lane – Arrest(s) Made
Sunday, Jan. 5
8:26 a.m. 911 – Assist Other Agency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
4:09 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
4:42 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Petersham Road – Citation Issued
5:26 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Citation Issued
6:37 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Church Lane – Citation Issued
7:24 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Street – Transported to Hospital
8:22 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Services Rendered

New Braintree Police Log

Tuesday, Dec. 24
10:40 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Road – Services Rendered
Wednesday, Dec. 25
5:09 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Davis Road – Transported to Hospital
Thursday, Dec. 26
6:04 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Ravine Road – Citation Issued
4:10 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Ravine Road – Citation Issued
4:28 p.m. Initiated – Motor

Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued
Saturday, Dec. 28
4:27 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
Monday, Dec. 30
10:42 a.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Unitas Road – Report Taken
Wednesday, Jan. 1
7:36 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Hardwick Road – Report Taken
Friday, Jan. 3

1:25 p.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Gilbertville Road – Spoken To
3:47 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued
4:32 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued
8:32 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Written Warning
Sunday, Jan. 5
3:34 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning



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LEGAL NOTICE Town of Warren Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing

The town of Warren, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a public hearing regarding their ongoing FY17, FY18 and FY19 Community Development Block Grant Programs. Future projects under consideration as well as the town's current programs will be discussed. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.** at the Shepard Building, 46 High Street, Warren. Should the meeting be canceled due to inclement weather or for any other reason, the hearing will occur the next evening on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:15 PM at the same location.

The FY 17 CDBG program funded improvements to Quaboag Street and provided financial assistance for the Domestic Violence Services program. Quaboag Street also received funding through the state's MassWorks program. The combined sources helped the town make comprehensive public works improvements to the entire street. A recent and approved change in the program also allowed for the engineering design of School, Prospect and Otis Streets as well as for window replacements at the Senior Center. The effective management of these activities left the town with a surplus of approximately \$40,000 in CDBG funds that the town would now like to reprogram for housing rehabilitation services.

Staff from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will attend the meeting and help lead a discussion about the proposed changes. In addition, an update will be provided about other CDBG activities including housing rehabilitation services, improvements for Lombard Street and Moore Avenue and regional public social services. Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning Warren's CDBG program and ongoing activities will have an opportunity to be heard. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Town prior to either meeting date at (413) 436-5701.

These activities and

programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development, Massachusetts CDBG program.

Warren Board of
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Dario F. Nardi,
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1/09/2020

TOWN OF HARDWICK REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SALE OF THE PAIGE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

In accordance with G.L. c.30B, the requirements of which are incorporated herein, the Town of Hardwick seeks written proposals to sell the Town's real property located at 43 Barre Road, Hardwick, Massachusetts, consisting of approximately 0.078 acre of land (the "Land") and a building thereon containing approximately 3,306 square feet, known as the Paige Agricultural Building (the "Building" and, together with the Land and other improvements thereon, the "Property") for any and all permitted uses, with a preference given to a proposer who uses and/or develops the Property for the purpose of promoting local agriculture and community use.

The Property located at 43 Barre Road, Hardwick, Massachusetts, shown on Assessors Map 33 as Lot 13, contains 0.078 acres of land, more or less, and is believed to be described more particularly, in whole or in part, in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 2539, Page 577. The Property is located in the Village Residential zoning district according to the Hardwick Zoning By-law.

The RFP is available on the Town's website www.townofhardwick.com; or www.mytowngovernment.org; or by emailing the Town Administrator at admin@townofhardwick.com and is also available at the Hardwick Municipal Office Building.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate any and all non-mandatory sale terms with the successful proposer, or to cancel this procurement at any time if it is in the Town's best interest to do so.

Sealed proposals must be received no later than

6:30 PM on Monday, February 10th, 2020 at the Office of the Town Administrator, Hardwick Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

Kenan P. Young,
Chairman
Hardwick Board of
Selectmen
1/09, 1/16/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 87 Church Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Nicole Sicard and Jason Shute** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, said mortgage dated July 31, 2017, and recorded in the **Hampshire** County Registry of Deeds, in Book **12703** at Page **319** and now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, dated October 22, 2018 and recorded in the **Hampshire** County Registry of Deeds, in Book **13107** at Page **23** for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

EXHIBIT A

The land in said Ware, together with any and all buildings situated thereon more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly line of Church Street, at the northwesterly corner of land of the Town of Ware, known as "Grenville Park";

THENCE Northerly on the easterly line of said Church Street, seventy-six and 7/10ths (76.7) feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Helen A. Brennan, as described in deed dated May 2, 1913, and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 691, Page 101; ..

THENCE S. 52° 11' E., along last named land, two hundred twenty (220) feet, more or less, to an iron pin

in line of land of Grenville Park, aforesaid;

THENCE Southwesterly along last named land, seventy-nine (79) feet, more or less, to a stone bound at the southeasterly corner of the premises herein conveyed;

THENCE, Northwesterly along land of said Grenville Park, two hundred twenty (220) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH rights and easements in the common driveway which runs between the premises herein conveyed and the premises formerly of Helen A. Brennan (now the Unitarian Parsonage, so-called).

Being the same premises described in a deed from William C. Brundige and Isabelle R Brundige to John F. Slattery and Mary E. Slattery dated July 23, 1980 and recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds Book 2173, Page 49.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated July 31, 2017, and recorded in Book 12703 at Page 315 with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

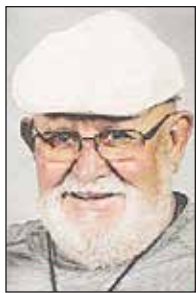
Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868
12/26/2019,
1/02,1/09/2020

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Burton Francis McNaulty

PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA — Burton Francis McNaulty, 80, of Port Richey, Florida, passed away Nov. 29, 2019. Burt was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire to Minnie and Burton Raymond McNaulty.



He was raised in Vermont where he met the love of his life, Shirley Camley McNaulty. Burt spent many years working as a dairy farmer before moving to Gilbertville, Massachusetts in 1959 to begin working in a local foundry. In 1972, Burt began working at Palmer Foundry where he enjoyed a 30-plus year career until his retirement. In 2005, Burt and Shirley began traveling seasonally between Massachusetts and Florida before permanently relocating to Florida three years ago. Burt was full of life. He loved spending time with his family, restoring cars and riding motorcycles.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley, children, Tony McNaulty, Ricky McNaulty and Margo Fontaine, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two sisters, and one step-brother. Services in Massachusetts will be held at a later date.

Eric C. Rogowski



WARE — Eric C. Rogowski, 42, of Ware, died on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at Mary Lane Hospital.

He leaves his father, Frederick R. Rogowski, and his brother, Patrick Rogowski, both of Ware. He was predeceased by a sister, Lori Beth, and his mother, Marie V. (Podkowska) Rogowski. Eric was born in Springfield.

Eric was an adventurous guy. He loved

Death notices

McNaulty, Burton F.
Died Nov. 29, 2019
Services in Massachusetts
To be held at a later date

Rogowski, Eric C.
Died Dec. 19, 2019
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Jan. 2, 2020
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Home, Ware

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Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., Children's Chapel 9:30 a.m.
"You don't have to be Episcopal to share the Word and Fellowship of the Spirit" No matter who you are or where you have been, You are welcome.

THE JUBILEE CUPBOARD provides emergency food assistance and is open Thursday from 9 AM until noon. The location is next door to Trinity Church directly behind the Old Ware Fire Station. Please phone 413-967-3274. Donations of non-perishable food are welcomed by The Jubilee Cupboard during open hours only or make arrangements for pickup. Food may also be donated to The Jubilee Cupboard at a drop off box at the Big Y Supermarket in Ware. AA Thursdays, 7:30pm

UNITED CHURCH OF WARE
49 Church Street, Ware, MA 01082
413-967-9981
Rev. Charles Taylor
Office Hours: Monday 9-12/Tuesday 8:30-12:30/ Wed 9-2/Thurs 9-12/Friday closed

Saturday: Worship service 5:00 p.m. (Communion offered each week, Healing Worship on second Saturday of each month)
Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: Worship service 10:30 a.m. (Communion offered first Sunday of each month)
Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday School - 10:45 a.m., Children's Church after Children's Sermon each Sunday. Coffee hour after service
Tuesday: T.O.P.S. 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Weight Watchers 5:00-7:30 p.m.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
17 North Street, Ware
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
60 South Street, Ware
Pastor: Rev. Fr. Piotr Calik
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Fr. Michael Kokoszka

General Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 9am - 12pm; Friday: Closed
Cemetery Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 10am - 2pm; Friday: Closed
Phone numbers: 413-967-5913; 413-967-4963
Fax Number: 413-967-4679
Emails: allsaintschurch17@gmail.com
stmaryschurch60@gmail.com
www.allsaintsware.org • www.stmarysware.org

Mass Schedule:
4:00 PM Saturday - All Saints
5:30 PM Saturday - St. Mary's
8:00 AM Sunday - All Saints
9:30 AM Sunday - St. Mary's
5:30 PM Sunday - All Saints (till future change)

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday and Tuesday 7:30 AM at All Saints
Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 AM at St. Mary's
Friday 6:00 PM at All Saints - St. Jude Novena
Saturday 8:00 AM at St. Mary's - Miraculous Medal Novena

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
All Saints - Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM or by appointment
St. Mary's - Saturday following the 5:30 PM Mass or by appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil: 5:30 pm at All Saints
Day: 7:30 am - All Saints
12:10 pm - St. Mary's
6:30 pm - St. Mary's

Office for both All Saints Church and St. Mary's Church is located at: 60 South Street, Ware, MA 01082.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALOYSIUS
58 Church St., Gilbertville, Tel. 477-6493
The Rev. Richard Lembo, Pastor
Saturday Confession: 3 p.m.; Vigil Mass: 4 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE MISSION
98 Church Lane, Wheelwright, MA
413-477-6493
The Rev. Richard Lembo, Pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.

HOLY CROSS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
61 Maple St., Ware, Tel. 967-3782
Fr. Senior Fryderyk Banas, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Mass

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
(formerly QVBC)
258A Malbouef Road, Ware
Phone: 413-668-7041 Email: LBC7@gmail.com
Web: www.lbc7.com
Sunday Service times:
9:30am Prayer and Fellowship
10:00am Bible School
11:00am Worship Service

The LBC family of believers invite you to join us as we work together to serve God in our community.

We are dedicated to spiritual growth through purposeful prayer, truthful teaching, and practical preaching.

We rely on the Bible as our source of all Godly wisdom and truth.

We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior given freely by God and offered to all who choose to believe in Him.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
33 West Main St., West Brookfield
Tel. 508-867-3667
Pastor Christy Wright

Worship and Sunday School, Sundays 9:30 am followed by coffee hour.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
108 New Braintree Rd., North Brookfield
774-286-1322
SUNDAY SCHEDULE Services start at 10 a.m.

TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY CHURCH
3 Oakham Rd., P.O. Box 202
New Braintree 508-867-3306

Pastor Deb Shepard Cell: 413-478-0731

The Tri-Parish Community Church represents the communities of Gilbertville, Hardwick, and New Braintree. Our service will begin at 10:00. Bible Study begins on 9/13 at 8:15 am - 9:30am. Choir Rehearsals are at 9am and Sunday School returns on 9/13 at 10:00 am. We are worshipping at The First Universalist Church of Hardwick, 9 Ruggles Hill Rd. Hardwick through December.

All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.

Change of Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - noon. Heidi Jeldres, Administrative Assistant. (508)867-3306 triparish@verizon.net.

Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor's office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. debashops@aol.com or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

The mission of the Tri-Parish Community Church is service to God by working together as a church to alleviate suffering and to foster hope, love and the word of Jesus Christ among our family and neighbors here and throughout the world.

It's always good to have a variety of voices in the pulpit. Come, support our worship leaders and enjoy the earlier service.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
1060 Main Street, Warren, Tel. 436-7327
Fr. Dan Becker
MASS SCHEDULE: Sundays 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH
Main Street, West Warren, Tel. 436-5110
Fr. Dan Becker
MASS SCHEDULE Saturdays 4 p.m.

QUABBIN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
43 Main Street, Ware, MA
Sunday Morning service: 10:30am - 11:30am
For more info James Chaisson
774-200-0542
Email: goodnews@quabbinvalleychurch.net
Website: www.quabbinvalleychurch.net

KINGDOM BUSINESS R.E.A.C.H MINISTRIES
(Realistic Evangelistic Active Christian Hearts)
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Errol J. Estridge
58 Main St, Ware, MA Tel. 413-668-9981
emailthekingdombusiness.ware@verizon.net
Tues 6-7pm, Substance Recovery Ministry
Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm, Bible Study
Thursday 6:00-7:30 pm, Women Ministry
Friday 6:00-7:00 pm, Prayer Meeting
Saturday TBA, Men's Ministry
Sunday 10:30, Sunday Worship
C.H.A.N.C.E. Tutoring Ministry (Children Having a Nurturing and Caring Environment)
September - May, After school, Monday - Thursday 4:00-6:00pm

UPPER ROOM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
18 Central St., West Warren, Tel. 436-7559
Joel Hickey, pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m. worship; Thursday: 7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer

UNIVERSALIST-UNITARIAN
St. Paul's Church of Palmer
1060 Central St., Palmer, MA, 283-8185
Sunday: 10:00 am service followed by coffee hour. Children's Religious Education also at 10:00 am.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH
Sacred Heart Church 22 W. Main St., West Brookfield
& St. Mary Oratory 11 Lincoln St., Brookfield
508 867-6469
rectory@sacredheartwb.com
website: ourladyofthesacredheart.org
Mass Times:
M-Th 8:00am @ Sacred Heart
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm @ St. Mary
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am @ Sacred Heart
Holy Day Vigil 7:00pm @ St. Mary
Holy Day 9:00am @ St. Mary & 7:00pm @ Sacred Heart

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST BROOKFIELD, UCC
36 N. Main St., W. Brookfield, 508-867-7078
Interim Pastor - The Rev. Stacey Kullgren
Worship 10 AM
Sunday School - 10 AM (except the first Sunday of each month)
Call for Bible Study and Youth Group meetings times.

WARE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
56a Main St., Ware, Tel. 967-0211
Pastor Jim Van Eten, B.A.D.F.
Sunday: 11 a.m. worship service, nursery and children's church, 4 p.m. worship service
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Fellowship

WARE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Weekend Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Meeting

EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH
25 Winthrop Terrace, Warren, MA 01083
(413) 436-5582

Fr. Christopher Nerreau
www.emmanuelorthodox.org
Morning Matins Sundays 9:00am
Confession 2nd Sunday of the month 9:00am or by appointment
Holy Mass Sunday's 9:30am, Coffee hour following Mass
Free Community Meal: First Tuesday of the month. All are welcome

POLICE LOG from page 12

Violation, Aspen Street – Citation Issued
2:34 a.m. Town By-Law Violation, Dale Street – Citation Issued
2:42 a.m. Town By-Law Violation, Pulaski Street – Citation Issued
2:45 a.m. Town By-Law Violation, Pulaski Street – Citation Issued
7:24 a.m. Vandalism, Barnes Street – Services Rendered
9:18 a.m. Accident, Vehicle, Old Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered
11:45 a.m. Ambulance Request, Greenwich Road – Referred to Other Agency
1:19 p.m. Ambulance Request, Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
1:20 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run), Dale Street – Services Rendered
3:03 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call, Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
7:41 p.m. Ambulance Request, Greenwich Plains Road – Referred to Other Agency
8:37 p.m. Ambulance Request,

Chestnut Street – Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, Dec. 25
8:34 a.m. Alarm Burglar, Greenwich Road – Services Rendered
2:36 p.m. Vandalism, Sherwin Street – Investigation Pending
3:22 p.m. Ambulance Request, Rutland Regional Dispatch – Referred to Other Agency
10:20 p.m. Officer Wanted, North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
11:35 p.m. Ambulance Request, Pulaski Street – Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, Dec. 26
7:20 a.m. Alarm Burglar, South Street – Services Rendered
7:51 a.m. Ambulance Request, Clifford Avenue – Services Rendered
8 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint, Barnes Street – Investigation Pending
9:23 a.m. Ambulance Request, Oak Ridge Circle – Services Rendered
9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation, East Street – Written Warning
10:27 a.m. Arrest, North Street – Arrest on Warrant
10:53 a.m. Ambulance Request,

Palmer Road – Services Rendered
12:01 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
1:33 p.m. Fraud, First Avenue – Services Rendered
3:08 p.m. Ambulance Request, Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
3:09 p.m. Accident, Vehicle, North Street – Services Rendered
3:41 p.m. Ambulance Request, Highland Village – Services Rendered
4:01 p.m. Vandalism, North Street – Services Rendered
5:19 p.m. Ambulance Request, Maple Street – Referred to Other Agency
5:24 p.m. Ambulance Request, Oak Ridge Circle – Services Rendered
6:35 p.m. Ambulance, Dale Street – Referred to Other Agency
7:41 p.m. Fire, Report, Gilbertville Road – Referred to Other Agency
7:41 p.m. Ambulance Request, School Street – Referred to Other Agency
10:53 p.m. Ambulance Request, Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
11:02 p.m. Investigation, North Street – Investigated, Report Filed

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

The owner(s), occupant(s) and the public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of WARE and HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the fiscal year 2019 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be **TAKEN** by the **TOWN OF WARE** on **Wednesday, January 29, 2020** at 10:00 AM for non-payment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.

Property Location: 105 CHURCH ST
 Assessed Owners: ANDERYASSIAN, GEVORK
 Parcel: 63 0 91
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 527.53
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.03 acres described as parcel 63 0 91 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 12197-84, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CUMMINGS RD
 Assessed Owners: CHENEVERT, LEO G. & CAROL M.
 Parcel: 28 37 3
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,078.65
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.95 acres described as parcel 28 37 3 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 8638-186, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 25 CUMMINGS RD
 Assessed Owners: CHENEVERT, LEO G SR. & CAROL M.
 Parcel: 28 37 1
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 3,648.53
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.85 acres described as parcel 28 37 1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 3718-40, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 29 SCZYGIEL RD
 Assessed Owners: CONNOLLY, BRIAN
 Parcel: 19 18 1
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,139.45
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.38 acres described as parcel 19 18 1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 8154-264, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 4 QUARRY ST
 Assessed Owners: DUBUQUE, DAVID HEIRS OF
 Parcel: 58 0 33
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 354.97
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.23 acres described as parcel 58 0 33 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 3963-285, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 4 QUARRY ST
 Assessed Owners: DUBUQUE, DAVID HEIRS OF
 Parcel: 58 0 34
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 56.75
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.11 acres described as parcel 58 0 34 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 3963-285, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 51 COFFEY HILL
 Assessed Owners: FONTAINE, SHAWN & WILSON, GINA
 Parcel: 48 0 12
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 2,425.11
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.64 acres described as parcel 48 0 12 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 10673-150, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: ORBORNE RD
 Assessed Owners: FORKEY, JOHN P & DEBRA
 Parcel: 34 0 24
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$1,296.23
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 6.56 acres described as parcel 34 0 24 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 8495-151, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 28 MALBOEUF RD
 Assessed Owners: GREEN, RAYMOND W LIFE ESTATE
 GREEN, MARLENE R LIFE ESTATE
 Parcel: 10 132 1
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$151.00
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.27 acres described as parcel 10 132 1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 11352-2789, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 258 MALBOEUF RD
 Assessed Owners: HAMPSHIRE EAST PROPERTIES LLC

Parcel: 6 11 2
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 8,245.27
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 6.37 acres described as parcel 6 11 2 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 11513-138, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 23 BANK ST
 Assessed Owners: HIGNEY, KENNETH A PR FOR HIGNEY, RAYMOND J. C/O HANS, SATNAM & KUAR, BALBIR
 Parcel: 61 0 320
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,558.20
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.31 acres described as parcel 61 0 320 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 13131-253, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 40 42 PLEASANT ST
 Assessed Owners: KOPROWSKI, MICHAEL A
 Parcel: 61 0 305
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 614.13
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.08 acres described as parcel 61 0 305 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 11351-225, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: OLD BELCHERTOWN RD
 Assessed Owners: LABIER, PAUL R
 Parcel: 8 21 4
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 255.01
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 4.18 acres described as parcel 8 21 4 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 7445-126, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 117 OLD BELCHERTOWN RD
 Assessed Owners: LABIER, PAUL R
 Parcel: 8 21 5
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,886.78
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 12.90 acres described as parcel 8 21 5 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 7445-126, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 4 EAST ST
 Assessed Owners: THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT C/O DRIGO, CHAD
 Parcel: 61 0 150
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,783.40
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.10 acres described as parcel 61 0 150 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 13136-285, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 6 4TH AVE
 Assessed Owners: LAMBERT, MICHAEL
 Parcel: 52 0 23
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 153.62
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.11 acres described as parcel 52 0 23 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 12537-279, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 9 CAMPBELL RD
 Assessed Owners: LUBELCZYK, JULIA
 Parcel: 40 0 16
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 888.24
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.88 acres described as parcel 40 0 16 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 4148-178, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 17 3RD AVE
 Assessed Owners: MATHISON, AMY & CRAIG
 Parcel: 52 0 32
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 913.39
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.11 acres described as parcel 52 0 32 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 11298-220, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 3 BERKSHIRE CR
 Assessed Owners: MAVRIKIDIS, SOCRATES & GARIFALIA S
 Parcel: 22 0 87
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 38.19
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.48 acres described as parcel 22 0 87 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 4404-51, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 108 GLENDALE CR
 Assessed Owners: MC AVOY, PATRICK & BOBBIE
 Parcel: 54 0 44
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 923.80
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.34 acres described as parcel 54 0 44 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 6808-15, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 52 PULASKI ST
 Assessed Owners: MC KEON, KENNETH
 Parcel: 56 0 50
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 3,959.00
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.16 acres described as parcel 56 0 50 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 8868-197, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 35 BEAVER RD
 Assessed Owners: MCGEE, GEORGE KENNETH
 Parcel: 47 0 39
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,853.89
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.26 acres described as parcel 47 0 39 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 12677-201, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 23 CLIFFORD AVE
 Assessed Owners: MLYNARSKI, JEFFREY A & BATES, DAWN M
 Parcel: 56 0 153
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 285.32
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.11 acres described as parcel 56 0 153 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 8009-65, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 23 CLIFFORD AVE
 Assessed Owners: MLYNARSKI, JEFFREY & BATES, DAWN M
 Parcel: 56 0 154
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 3,796.14
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.13 acres described as parcel 56 0 154 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 8009-65, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 15 WILLIAMS ST
 Assessed Owners: MYSONA, WANDA
 Parcel: 56 0 134
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,356.31
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.17 acres described as parcel 56 0 134 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 4037-89, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 72 PULASKI ST.
 Assessed Owners: BARNABY, JESSE M
 Parcel: 56 0 57
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 2,477.06
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.06 acres described as parcel 56 0 57 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 12970-286, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 70 NORTH ST
 Assessed Owners: PAGEAU, BERNARD A
 Parcel: 61 0 33
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 41.95
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.11 acres described as parcel 61 0 33 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 1543-88, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: SHERMAN HILL RD
 Assessed Owners: PAIXAO PROPERTIES INC
 Parcel: 25 15 4
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 869.98
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.38 acres described as parcel 25 15 4 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 8313-342, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 110 PLEASANT ST
 Assessed Owners: PAIXAO PROPERTIES INC
 Parcel: 60 0 240
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,660.44
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.26 acres described as parcel 60 0 240 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 10773-237, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 6 CHURCH ST
 Assessed Owners: PAIXAO PROPERTIES INC
 Parcel: 61 0 330
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 2,108.32
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.06 acres described as parcel 61 0 330 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 11165-220, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 278 BELCHERTOWN RD
 Assessed Owners: KIMBALL, SCOTT L
 Parcel: 22 0 6
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 3,880.13
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.07 acres described as parcel 22 0 6 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 12912-334, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 37 WEST MAIN ST.
 Assessed Owners: PAX REALTY INC.
 Parcel: 60 0 215

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,678.79
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.56 acres described as parcel 60 0 215 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 9211-238, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 35 WEST ST
 Assessed Owners: PDS REAL ESTATE ACQUISITIONS INC.
 Parcel: 56 0 35
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 6,434.85
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.31 acres described as parcel 56 0 35 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 12266-236, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: REAR MORIARTY RD
 Assessed Owners: PERRAULT, SHEILA
 Parcel: 8 4 6A
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 68.98
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.50 acres described as parcel 8 4 6A in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 7791-300, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 245 OSBORNE RD
 Assessed Owners: PLOTNICK, DARREN
 Parcel: 39 0 12
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 748.43
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.00 acres described as parcel 39 0 12 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 12312-212, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 10 KING ST
 Assessed Owners: ROBERT, BERNARD A & LEA E
 Parcel: 40 0 57
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 563.05
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.39 acres described as parcel 40 0 57 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 1448-388, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 410 PALMER RD
 Assessed Owners: THIBAUT, ROLAND L & DANIEL J.
 Parcel: 5 32 3
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 93.02
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.37 acres described as parcel 5 32 3 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 10588-191, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 12 SHERWIN ST
 Assessed Owners: TOWLSON, WILLIAM O
 Parcel: 63 0 17
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 2,181.55
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.14 acres described as parcel 63 0 39 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 3661-58, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 179 BABCOCK TAVERN
 Assessed Owners: TROMBLEY, WILFRED A JR HEIRS OF
 Parcel: 8 0 1
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1343.95
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 20.00 acres described as parcel 8 0 1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 4560-122, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: GOULD ST
 Assessed Owners: WATTS, WILLIAM D
 Parcel: 55 0 35
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 67.80
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.14 acres described as parcel 55 0 35 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 7673-252, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CRESCENT ST
 Assessed Owners: WETTELAND, DONNA M
 Parcel: 28 60 3
 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES \$ 1,128.41
 Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.80 acres described as parcel 28 60 3 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARE identified in book and page 12334-256, HAMPSHIRE County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CRESCENT ST
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 Parcel: 28 60 4
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1/09/2020

Robert Gardner: Building 7 Unit 10
 1/09, 1/16/2020

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 Name and address of owner: Scott D Barilaro 185 McKay Rd. New Braintree, MA 01531
 By: **James M. Regin**
 1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

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Applicant: Tracy Markham/Denise Niemitz
 Description of work: Stump removal, site grad-

ing and stabilization
 Location: 301 Old Greenwich Plains Rd.
 Town: Harwick.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at http://masspublicnotices.org
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 Description of work: Large ground-mounted solar array
 Location: Old Greenwich Plains Rd., Map 91 Lot 21
 Town: Harwick.
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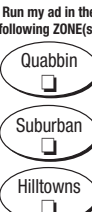
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LUNCH
Chicken Cobb
Southwest Dogs
Wise choice
(Roast Beef!!!)

DINNER
Quesadillas
Seafood Lasagna
*contains shellfish
Baked Steaks
Crab Cakes

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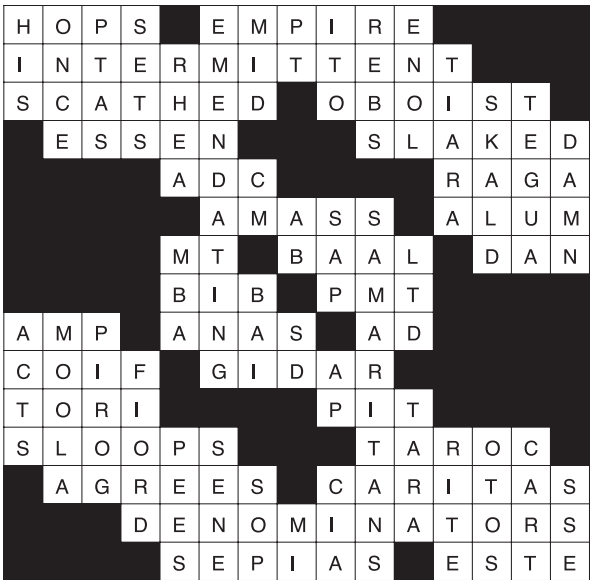
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